

Robert J. Burch Elementary



Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2023-2024

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What is Title 1?

Robert J. Burch Elementary is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to support state and local reform efforts and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All title 1 schools must jointly develop with parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The plan describes opportunities we provide to improve family engagement and support student learning. It is developed jointly with parents, staff, and community members at the annual Stakeholders Meeting based on feedback from surveys, conferences, and parent input throughout the year. Copies are available in the Parent Resource Center, on information boards, and on our website: www.burchbears.org.

How is it revised?

Robert J. Burch Elementary school invited parents to attend our annual Stakeholders Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to review and submit feedback throughout the year.

Who is it for?

The activities and opportunities described in this plan are for all students and their families. Our school will provide full opportunities for participation of parents with disabilities and limited English proficiency, including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

Shared Decision Making

Our faculty and staff want to work with you as a partner to ensure your child's academic and social-emotional success. We believe a strong school-home relationship is instrumental to student growth. Therefore, we strive to provide multiple opportunities for shared decision making. Thank you for participating in our surveys, Title 1 meetings, discussions, conferences, and other school-home communication opportunities. Your voice is critical to the development of our school wide improvement and family engagement plans and your input helps us plan family instructional programming, purchase resources, and support you and your child. In addition, one percent (1%) of our Title 1 funds are spent on parent involvement.

Robert J. Burch Elementary Goals

Reading - Increase the percentage of students demonstrating grade level reading skills by 3% as measured by Lexile scores on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

ELA & Math - Increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above by 5% as measured by Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

Increase students' number of "secure areas" of learning on the STAR ELA & Math state standard mastery reports.

School Climate - Enhance school culture, climate, and safety connections among faculty, students, parents, and community.

Fayette County School District Goals

By 2024, all subgroups will meet their performance targets as established through the state accountability model.

By 2024, Fayette County Public Schools will reflect a safe and healthy educational experience with an average rating of 5 stars as measured by the CCRPI Climate Star rating system.

Parent Resource Center

The Resource Room is YOUR center and it is located in the front hall near the cafeteria. The room is open daily during school hours for you to check out educational games, books, parenting resources, brochures, and so much more. We are here to support you, so please let us know if you have questions or concerns. Gloria Jones is our Parent Liaison. Please contact her at jones.gloria@fcboe.org for more information.

School-Parent Compacts

Our School - Parent Compact was created together with ideas from parents, staff, and students. Ideas are collected throughout the year and discussed at our annual Stakeholders Meeting. The compact explains how we work as a team with you and your child to share the responsibility of academic success. Burch is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email our parent liaison if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate.

Building Capacity

Robert J. Burch Elementary School will build partnerships between its staff, families, and community with the goal of developing mutual support for student achievement. To develop capacity for this support, Robert J. Burch Elementary School will implement a variety of family and community engagement initiatives.

Parents

Robert J. Burch Elementary school will provide families with information about the overall Title 1 program and its requirements. The school will work to help families understand academic expectations for student learning and progress. Specific information related to Parent and Family Engagement opportunities, the State's challenging academic standards, and local and state assessments—including alternative assessments, will also be provided. We will also offer assistance to parents in understanding use of FCBOE's online student information system and other digital resources, including the harms of copyright piracy. Notifications about these opportunities will be posted on the district website and shared through school messaging systems, newsletters, and social media postings. In addition, the school website contains information about important events, workshops, assessment information, and Title 1 documents. Hard copies of these materials are also available at all Title 1 schools, including copies in Spanish.

School Staff

Robert J. Burch Elementary staff will participate in training during the school year to learn about strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. School staff will solicit feedback from parents to help build staff capacity. To ensure that information related to district, school, parent programs, and activities is available to all parents, each Title 1 school is required to send home and post online information for parents and family members in an understandable language and uniform format. Information posted on the school website will be translated to the extent reasonably practical. The school will also utilize phone call systems, the school website, and email to post information for parents.

Building Partnerships

Get involved! Join us in supporting our students, families, and community. You can participate in PTO, School Council, or volunteer. Visit our website, www.burchbears.org for information. We stay connected via the weekly eblast, teacher newsletters, Schoology, and flyers. To make sure parents understand our academic standards and assessments, as well as how they can monitor their child's progress and work with educators, all information related to school activities, programs and meetings is published in both English and Spanish.

We help families transition to the next school level by partnering with public and private preschools, as well as Flat Rock Middle School to provide parent and student orientation programs each Spring. We invite your feedback through surveys throughout the year.

We welcome you to join us at our parent and family engagement events! Here are some events you can look forward to attending.



Meet the Teacher: Come and meet your teacher!

Grade Level Parent Orientation: Take a look at our district and school goals for 2023-2024 and learn about your child's curriculum expectations for the year.

Title 1 Annual Meeting: Learn about the guidelines and purpose of Title 1 and your right, as a parent, to be involved in your child's academic success. Invitations are sent by flyers and email.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Families are expected to meet with teachers to review your child's academic data, discuss academic learning goals, give input for your personal School - Parent Compact, and receive resources to support learning at home.

Family Curriculum Information and Workshops: Learn ways to support academic achievement at home. Our staff will share information and provide workshops to help parents support students

Stakeholders Meeting: An opportunity to review/improve our school-wide plan, teacher training, family plan, and compact. This meeting will take place in the spring.

PTO and School Council: Get involved and make a difference in our school by volunteering with PTO or attending a School Council meeting.

Volunteer: Volunteers are ALWAYS needed at our school. Please contact our Parent Liaison, Gloria Jones, or your child's teacher for a list of volunteer opportunities.

Meetings will be offered at a variety of times and in multiple formats to help meet the diverse needs of families. We will also work to keep faculty and staff informed of effective parent engagement practices & the benefits of including parents as partners. We will pursue staff development training that will better equip our staff to assist students of all ethnicities, cultures, and special needs.