

# Robert J. Burch Elementary



## Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2024-2025

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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 engagement 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](http://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 family friendly format.

#### 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 parental involvement.

### Robert J. Burch Elementary Goals

**Reading** - Increase by 2% annually, the percentage of 3rd - 5th students and subgroups reading on grade level or above as measured by GMAS End of Grade reading indicator.

**ELA & Math** - Increase by 3% annually the percentage of students and subgroups scoring at Proficient and Distinguished Achievement Levels as measured by GMAS End of Grade Assessment.

During the 2024-2025 school year 50% of students will have a 50% or higher growth percentile as measured by STAR assessments.

**School Climate** - Improve student leadership opportunities, attendance, and positive behavior; and increase staff and family engagement as measured by state, district, and school surveys.

#### Fayette County School District Goals

- Increase student achievement and growth.
- Improve internal and external communication (i.e., community, family and schools).
- Engage internal and external stakeholders.
- Hire and retain excellent certified staff.
- Retain highly effective staff.
- Improve bus driver retention and recruitment processes in the transportation department.
- Ensure safe learning environments.
- Increase efficient use of resources, processes, and management structures.
- Ensure efficient and fair allocation of financial and personnel resources.

#### Parent Resource Center

The Resource Room is YOUR center and 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 by contacting our Parent Liaison, Gloria Jones at [jones.gloria@fcboe.org](mailto:jones.gloria@fcboe.org).

#### School-Parent Compact

Our School - Parent Compact was created together with input 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 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.
- work to help families understand academic expectations for student learning and progress.
- provide specific information related to Parent and Family Engagement opportunities, the State's challenging academic standards, and local and state assessments—including alternative assessments.
- offer assistance to parents in understanding the 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 parent square, school messaging systems, newsletters, and social media.

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.
- solicit feedback from parents using survey links and QR codes to help build staff capacity.
- send home via parent square and post online information for parents and family members in an understandable language and uniform format as required by each Title 1 school to ensure that information related to district, school, parent programs, and activities is available to all parents.

### **Building Partnerships**

Get involved! Join us in supporting our students, families, and community. You may participate in PTO, School Council, or volunteer. Visit our website, [www.burchbears.org](http://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 a family friendly format.

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 2024-2025 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 their 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 various 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.