

2018-2019 Bullen Middle School

Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement Agreement

Address of School

Bullen Middle School School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the Kenosha Unified School District's mission, **"Provide excellent, challenging learning opportunities and experiences that prepare each student for success,"** the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

Parents/guardians and family members of students receiving Title I funding shall be involved in the decisions regarding how these reserved funds are allocated for engagement. No less than 90 percent of the funds reserved shall be distributed to schools and shall be used to carry out activities and strategies consistent with this policy. At least one of the following areas need to be implemented (please check which areas will cover and then explain in the lower portion of policy):

- ☐ Professional development relating to parent/guardian and family engagement strategies
- ☐ Home-based programs
- ☐ Disseminating information
- ☐ Collaborating with community based organizations
- ☒ Engaging in activities and strategies that the local educational agency determines are appropriate

Although parents are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. This school, in collaboration with parents, shall support programs and practices that enhance parent/guardian and family engagement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families. They will include, but not be limited to, the following components of successful parent involvement programs:

Please list all family engagement programs that are related to societal issues, academics and parenting skill development.

Though the past few years have not showing significant parent involvement in school structures, recent work has brought about resurgence in the work together. Our Title 1 team includes 2 parents that have backgrounds in education, have had multiple students in the school, or are strongly involved in their child's education. The parent voice in the process will be equal to the staff members that are also on the Title 1 Team. Other ways we communicate with parents at Bullen include, but are not limited to:

- Bi-monthly parent newsletters
- School website and Calendar
- Infinite Campus Online Parent Connection
- Parent Conferences
- School Messenger Phone Calls

Communication with our families is also vital. We have many ways to keep families connected with our school. Bullen has a bi-monthly newsletter to communicate upcoming events, news

items, along with articles submitted by teachers and principal that include items of interest and school information. A school calendar is included listing important dates and events. We hold parent-teacher conferences twice each year, with about 85% parent participation. Students are also given daily planners. These planners have a place for daily assignments, spelling words, reading logs, and parent signatures. These are a great way for teachers to communicate with their students' parents. Teachers also communicate often with parents before or after school as parents are dropping off or picking their children up from school, or by phone, email and many send home weekly classroom newsletters. Bullen also has a website and a Facebook page which have greatly increased our communication within the community.

Family Fun Nights have also contributed to our parent participation. The activities have a wide range from drug awareness to fitness games to a Dairy Queen night. The participation has ranged from 20 families up to 100 participants.

Bullen continues to receive support from our students and parents for the continual incline in the culture of the building. Many parents have told teachers and administration that when they previously had considered finding another school for their child, they now continue to brag about our school in the community.

The administration and school staff recognizes the importance of providing a school climate conducive to parental participation. Engaging parents is essential to improved student achievement. This school, Bullen Elementary, shall foster and support active parent engagement.

Date Adopted 8/2018

Principal 

PTA/PTO Representative 