



Booker T. Washington Elementary

Parent and Family Engagement Policy: To Live as “One Town, One Team, One Family”

Parent and family engagement is the participation of families in every facet of the education and development of children from birth to adulthood, recognizing that parents are the primary influence in their children’s lives. Family engagement takes many forms, including parents’ shared responsibilities in decisions about their children’s education, health, and well-being, as well as parents’ participation in organizations that reflect the community’s collaborative aspirations for all children.

Vision: At Booker T. Washington, we live as One Town, One Team, One Family.

Mission: At Booker T. Washington Elementary, we aim to build relationships with our families and work as collaborative partners to increase students’ growth and achievement.

Communication between home and school is paramount to the success of students’ academic progress and social-emotional development. It increases the overall success of school programs and strengthens the bonds within the community. Booker T. Washington Elementary utilizes a variety of communication tools and strategies, including:

- Purple Thursday folder
- Class Dojo
- Facebook - Booker T. Washington Elementary School
- Twitter - @ELGINISD_BTW
- Campus website
- Automated phone calls and emails via School Messenger
- Campus marquee
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Monthly campus calendar of events
- Reach the E

Information regarding students’ academic progress and attendance is communicated through the following avenues:

- Purple Thursday folder
- Report Cards, Progress Reports
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Parent Portal
- Texas Assessment Student Portal
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Early Literacy Night
- Rtl Parent Letter
- Letters from registrar regarding attendance/tardies

Parent Meetings provide an opportunity for families to help in planning, reviewing, and improving current campus programs in order to continually improve learning opportunities for scholars and strengthen the home-school partnership. Some Parent Meetings provide materials and strategies to help parents work with their children. Parent Meetings offered at Booker T. Washington include:

- PTA meetings
- Latino Literacy Night
- Dual Language Parent meetings (campus and district)
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Open House / Meet the Teacher Night
- Early Literacy Night
- Superintendent's Coffee
- Cookies & Conversation with the Principal
- Extended Library Night (weekly)
- STAAR/SSI Information Night
- Campus Advisory Committee / District Advisory Committee
- Title I Family Night

The Title I Family Meeting is hosted during each fall semester to inform families of the requirements and benefits of Title I and the expectations and goals for family engagement and academics for the upcoming school year. The meeting will be held multiple times to offer options to families for attendance. Additional events may include literacy nights, math nights, library nights, grade level information nights, and PTA events. Support for parent participation such as child care and transportation to events may be offered as needed.

BTW school staff will be trained annually by the Elgin ISD Federal Programs Department in Title I requirements, including the value of parent contributions and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held with all BTW families in the fall semester. At any time throughout the school year, the parent or teacher can request a conference to discuss progress.

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home/School Compact are reviewed, updated and agreed upon by a committee consisting of parents during each Spring semester. The Policy and Compact will be distributed and explained at fall parent-teacher conferences and can be located on the school website. The Compact will also be reviewed with families on an as-needed basis. Both documents are available in English and Spanish.