



2016-17 Family Engagement Policy

In Bryan ISD, we believe in *Children First, Always*. That's the Bryan Way. Our mission is to *provide positive educational experiences that ensure high school graduation and post-secondary success*. Family Engagement in our schools helps make sure we fulfill our mission. In Bryan ISD, our objective is to collaborate with families as full partners in the learning and development of their children. To accomplish this, our goals include:

Goal 1: Creating **strong communication** between the home and the school by:

1. Fostering effective communication between school/home through information sent home in notes, school calendars, and regular newsletters, personal contact and the use of technology email, websites, voice messages, automated calls, social media, and more.
2. Sending information to parents in the language most commonly used at home.
3. Showing respect to families by responding quickly to questions, calls, emails and/or texts.
4. Providing timely information about a student's progress.

Goal 2: Developing lasting **partnerships between schools, families, businesses and the community** by:

1. Involving families, students, businesses and community partners to help identify needs.
2. Sharing information with families, community members and staff to recruit, develop, maintain, evaluate and recognize outstanding community partnerships.
3. Applying community service values and creating more educational opportunities that enrich students' and families' lives, promote "real-world" opportunities and help train leaders.
4. Distributing information about community resources to teachers and families.
5. Involving parents in the development of the District Improvement Plan and in the annual evaluation of the District Parent Involvement Policy.

Goal 3: Encouraging schools to provide families help that **supports learning at home** by:

1. Sharing information on importance of the family's role in learning.
2. Providing resources and training to families on activities for learning at home.
3. Providing lists on how to contact campus, district and community resources, when needed.
4. Providing information and help to families when the student is struggling academically.

Goal 4: Establishing **strong relationships** between school and home by:

1. Having opportunities for parents, family members, students and schools to work together.
2. Coordinating with parents and guardians to offer family-friendly events at schools and other locations.
3. Providing district support to campuses as they implement the following:
 - a. Parent involvement activities and events for families at a variety of times and places.
 - b. Annual meetings at each school to discuss and review campus services along with a review of the state's academic subject and achievement standards.
 - c. Yearly training to faculty and staff to enhance family engagement.
 - d. Increasing the number of families involved in their children's education each year.