

Schoolwide Title I Family Engagement Policy
Bethel Elementary School
2022-2023

I. Philosophy Statement

Bethel Elementary School strives to promote strong family partnerships by following the guidelines from the Haywood County Family Engagement Policy. This policy states the Haywood County School system recognizes that engagement of families in their children's education has been demonstrated to increase student success and to result in better school performance. System and school family engagement policies will be distributed annually to parents. Staff members will be given opportunities to facilitate families in becoming "education partners at home".

II. Procedures for Families to Become Decision Makers and Learners

- A. Families will be notified of their child's participation in Title I Reading and Math tutoring and be given instructional objectives for their child's education. Families will be informed of the objectives and methods implemented in the program and receive information about state curriculum and state and local assessments.
- B. Families will be invited to attend an annual grade level meeting where the state/country/school policy/law will be explained.
- C. Families will be given opportunities to become active participants in their children's education by becoming decision makers. Families can fill out an Engagement Needs Survey and complete a Parent, Teacher, Principal and Student Compact. They will also be given a Family Questionnaire to fill out about the program. Some parents from the school and county will serve on the Haywood County/Bethel Elementary Parent Advisory Committee. Some will serve on the School Improvement Team at Bethel. Families will be encouraged to attend parent, student, and teacher conferences.
- D. Family activities and workshops will be coordinated by Principal, Lead Teacher, Title I Teachers, classroom teachers, and School Improvement Team members and integrated with other programs when available and will be offered to the parents using flexible scheduling.

III. Procedures for Families to Become Teachers and Supporters

- A. Families will be given opportunities to become active participants in their children's education by becoming education partners. They will be able to check out books from the Family Resource Library. They will be given the opportunity to tutor children at school. Workshops and in-class reading instruction demonstrations will be conducted to help parents learn strategies for helping their children.
- B. Families receive an open invitation to lunch and special invitations to other events throughout the year. They are invited to be grade parents for their child's homeroom.
- C. Families are encouraged to become active participants in their child's school and education by becoming members of the Parent Teacher Organization, becoming school volunteers and tutors and/or by serving on the Haywood County/Bethel Parent Advisory Council and School Improvement Team.