

# **Brownwood Independent School District**

## **Parent Involvement Policy**

### **2023-2024**

#### **Working Together**

Both experience and research tell us that a child's education succeeds best when there is good communication and a strong partnership between home and school. Some opportunities in this partnership for the parents and families of BISD students may include, but are not limited to:

- Encouraging your child to put a high priority on education and working with your child on a daily basis to make the most of the educational opportunities the school provides. BISD will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement through:
  - Offering a variety of parent training sessions throughout the year to aid in various methods of how to help their child with academic, behavioral, and social-emotional well-being.
  - Jointly developing and approving the district and campus improvement plan with parents and families
- Ensuring that your child completes all homework assignments and special projects and comes to school each day prepared, rested, and ready to learn.
- Becoming familiar with all of your child's school activities and with the academic programs, including special programs, offered in the district. BISD provides online calendars, both at the individual campuses and district level.
  - Utilizing the online calendar will help parents stay informed about activities, such as school holidays, state assessment dates and other significant happenings within the district.
- Reviewing and discussing the state assessment and graduation program requirements with your child's teacher, counselor or administrator.
  - Each campus will hold at least one Open House Event. The event will include going over assessments and grade level/graduation requirements.
- Monitoring your child's academic progress, including grades and STAAR assessment scores, with the use of BISD's online gradebook portal and the ability to check assessment results through the website. To support parents BISD will help parents understand assessments and challenging state academic standards through.
  - Educating parents on how to monitor student grades online through instructional letters and in-person assistance.
  - Sending home frequent progress reports of students' growth.
- Ensuring your child attends all classes at school at least 90% of the school days according to TEC §25.085, Texas Compulsory Attendance Laws.

- Keeping in contact with your child's teachers and campus as necessary. You may contact your child's campus and teacher by phone, email or text to set up a conference time. To support parents:
  - BISD will educate teachers and staff on the value and utility of working with parents and families and how to reach out to communicate with parents. BISD conducts this training annually with all teachers and staff.
  - BISD will employ various means to ensure parents can access relevant information in a language and format that they can understand. Oral translation will be used at parent involvement events, upon request, and written translations will be provided for Parent Involvement policies. For more information on attaining translation of documents or requesting translation help, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (325) 643-5644.
- Becoming a school volunteer. (For further information, see policies at GKG and contact campuses or Central office at (325) 643-5644)
- Serving as a parent representative on the district-level or campus-level planning committees, including the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Cabinet, assisting in the development of educational goals and plans to improve student achievement. For further information, see policies at BQA and BQB, and contact the Deputy Superintendent at Central Office at (325) 643-5644.
  - BISD will utilize parent representatives and other stakeholders to evaluate its parent involvement activities, policies, compacts, and more. These parent representatives will be invited to attend the annual evaluation meeting where they will be asked for suggestions on improving BISD parent involvement activities and minimizing barriers to participation for other parents and families.
  - Input collected from evaluation meetings and parent surveys will be used to improve and implement subsequent parent involvement activities.
- Serving on the School Health Advisory Council, assisting the district in ensuring local community values are reflected in health education instruction. (See policies at BDF, EHAA, and FFA)
- Attending or watching the regular school board meetings live-streamed through the BISD website. The meetings are also archived and can be viewed at a later time. (See policies at BE and BED for more information)
- Registering your student, each year, for school using BISD's online registration.
- Registering yourself for School Messenger alerts will allow you the most recent updates regarding your students and activities not only in their class but also for their campus and the district.