



School Parent, Guardian, and Family Engagement Plan 2024-2025

Berewick Elementary School

I. Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The administration, staff and parents of Berewick Elementary believe that the improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, school, community members, school administration, staff, students and parents (as defined for purposes of this policy to include guardians and all members of a student's family involved in the student's education). Our Parental Involvement Policy outlines the parent involvement activities that will be conducted during the school year. Our Parental Involvement Policy was designed by a school-based team of administrators, teachers, teacher assistants, parents and PTO members.

II. Annual Information Meeting

Berewick will hold the Title I Family Meeting/Curriculum Night on September 26, 2024. This is also our family event night to honor Hispanic Heritage Month. The meeting will provide families an opportunity to learn about the K-5th grade curriculum as well as informing them what it means to be a Title I school.

III. Flexible meeting times

This year we will ensure maximum family involvement in school opportunities and meetings by utilizing a flexible schedule.

IV. Title I Part A Planning

Communication with families is crucial for student academic success. Berewick uses a variety of methods to communicate with families and school community such as: ParentSquare, Facebook, Instagram, weekly family newsletters, Parent/Teacher conferences and in-person events such as Open House and Curriculum Night.

V. Parent Information and Opportunities

Title I: We have our Title I status posted on the school website and we will share the information at the Title I Family Meeting on 9/26/24

School Profile: Berewick has our school profile posted on our website.

Child's Performance: Fall Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled at the end of the 1st Quarter. Teachers will review student progress and answer any questions families may have. Families may schedule additional conferences as needed anytime throughout the school year. Also, teachers share information about student performances on a frequent basis. Teachers will complete grades on a timely basis and families will have access to this information via PowerSchool. The school will send out information on how to access the PowerSchool grade book in September.

Curriculum: Berewick Elementary will host a curriculum night in September to help share resources and information to families. Each grade level will present an outline of their curriculum for the year, and the presentations will be recorded. The presentations will be available on the school website all year. Grade levels also send weekly newsletters letting parents and guardians know what will be taught for the upcoming week.

Regular Meetings for Decision Making: The first meeting of SIT will be held during the month of August, 2024. This team is charged with drafting the annual School Improvement Plan. In addition, all parents are encouraged to participate in our School Leadership Team meetings where we will discuss the School Improvement Plan and track progress towards our goals.

Access to Staff and Volunteer Opportunities: Families can contact teachers and other staff members via email and ParentSquare. All families should utilize ParentSquare to continue to receive the most up to date information from Berewick and CMS. Staff members will ensure that they respond to the parent/guardian within one business day. The staff at Berewick work hard to ensure parents have access to them and encourage families to communicate on a regular basis.

VI. School-Family Compact

Parents will receive a copy of our Learning Compact in September. We believe that our students do their best through the teamwork of parents, families, students and school staff. The learning compact is an agreement between Berewick families and the school that describes how we will work together to support student learning during the 2024-25 school year. The school will ensure that all families sign the Learning Compact.

VII. Building Parent and Family Engagement Capacity

Family Involvement: Berewick has a family night planned for almost each month during the school year. The events **will center around culture, building community and relationships and learning.** Anticipated events for the 2024-25 school year are:

- Curriculum and Hispanic Heritage Night
- Winter Wonderland
- One Love Dance and Health Expo
- Night at the Black History Museum
- Spring Fling and AAPI Night

School Improvement Planning: Families are encouraged to participate in school improvement planning for our school by participating in any of the following activities:

- a. **School Leadership Team:** Families may serve as members of the School Improvement Team of Berewick. This body is charged with drafting the annual School Improvement Plan.
- b. **Providing Feedback:** All families may share their thoughts, hopes and ideas for increasing student achievement at Berewick and enhancing our school culture. An opportunity for this feedback will be formally provided at the beginning, middle and end of the school year. Feedback can be submitted informally throughout the year as well.
- c. **School Leadership Team Meetings:** All families are invited and encouraged to participate in our School Leadership Team by volunteering to join the team in the fall. At these meetings we will discuss the School Improvement Plan and track progress towards our goals.
- d. **PTO:** All families are encouraged and invited to participate in our PTO. The PTO meets on a monthly basis to discuss ways to support school initiatives.

VIII. Families of Multi-Language Learners and Exceptional Children

We will provide full access to parental involvement activities for families of Exceptional Students and Limited English Proficiency. The school will translate the documents that will be sent home to families and will also have interpretation available when needed to facilitate the communication between staff and families.

IX. Parent/Family Requests

Families or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. The school must receive written permission from the custodial parent(s) in order to release any information from a student's educational record. If the family has a request to receive any information about the school, this request must be received by the school in written form. The school will have a reasonable amount of time to respond to the request/and or grant the request.

X. Annual Evaluation

As a school community we will review the effectiveness of our family involvement policy in improving our school during our Title I Meeting and School Improvement Planning process. We invite you to call the school to ask any questions you may have or to schedule a visit or meeting. It is our hope that your children will have a wonderful learning experience at Berewick. Families are encouraged to participate in the School Leadership Team, PTO and other school activities. Families are also welcomed to submit a volunteer form so that they can volunteer at the school. Berewick is a welcoming environment for all.

XI. Other Parent and Family Engagement Practices

Berewick is dedicated to involving all families in our school. For this reason, Berewick has created a Family Engagement Committee that meets on a monthly basis. During this meeting, the committee will discuss ways to increase family engagement with the school and school engagement with families. The committee will work to solve any issues that counteract this relationship.