

# **School-Level Parental Engagement Policy**

## **2025-2026 School Year**



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### **Mission Statement**

To increase academic success through the promotion of educational development for all learners.

### **Vision**

Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary Charter School prepares students to become life-long learners and productive citizens in a global society.

## **Bethune Elementary School-Level Parental Engagement Policy**

### **I. Annual Meetings**

Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary Charter School will hold its annual Title I meetings held in conjunction with the Schools Orientation and the first PTO Meeting. At these meetings, parents will be given information regarding their rights. At the annual Title I meeting, the parents will be given the Parents' Rights in Education handout, the district/school parental involvement policies and the student/parent/teacher compact. Parents, students and teachers will be required to sign the Student/Parent/Teacher compact. Parents will be given information regarding their rights to be involved in school planning as well as their child's education process. Parents will also be informed about what supplemental services the school offers and how these programs can benefit their child(ren).

### **II. Monthly Meetings**

PTO Meetings are scheduled to take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, but is subject to change.

We involve parents in an organized, ongoing way in planning, review and involvement of the Title I program through the School Wide Plan, the PTO Meetings and Parent-Teacher conferences. Special focus groups are sponsored by various entities and parents are encouraged to attend and give their input.

We offer meetings and trainings to help parents work with their children to improve their children's school achievement through student academic reviews, PTO Meetings with workshops geared to assisting parents, SAT meetings that include parents as well as teachers. Math and Literacy Night is sponsored to give parents ideas and materials to work with their children at home. The Scholastic Book Fair offers a wide range of books for every reading level so that the parents can read with and to their children at home as well.

### **III. Quarterly Meetings**

Report card conferences are held quarterly and pertinent information regarding the student's progress is given to parents.

We provide parents with our school performance profiles and assessments through letters sent home to the parents with the students' test scores. Information is sent home in a language that parents can understand. Parental Involvement Newsletters and PTO Meetings also provide parents with a picture of our school performance profile.

Parents are provided a description of the curriculum at Orientation and informed of the forms of assessment used to measure student's progress in Parent-Teacher conferences, SAT Meetings, Report Card Conferences and Bi-weekly progress reports.

Those parents not attending the Annual Title I Meeting, Report Card Conferences and/or PTO Meetings will be given the information whenever they arrive at school, through their children or by visiting the school website. Those parents with an email address will receive some of the information via email.

### **IV. Ongoing/Weekly Progress**

Parents can go online and view their child's grades and assignments through the Power School Parent Portal. Power School will show the parent the forms of assessment used to track and measure student progress.

We will help conduct parent-teacher conferences quarterly and also prepare individual teacher conferences for parents on an as needed basis.

We will provide parents with opportunities to volunteer in the school during Orientation, Open House, various school functions, PTO events, fundraisers and through newsletters. Parents will also serve on the School Wide Plan.

We will help integrate Family Involvement activities with the Pre-K program: Prime Time, Families Helping Families, Parents Make the Difference, etc.

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The District's parental involvement policy, as well as most other documents are being sent to parents in their native language.

At the end of the school year a survey will be taken to evaluate our current policy and make any necessary changes.

The following people participated in the development of the Bethune Elementary Charter School Parent Involvement Policy for the 2024-2025 school year:

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