

**Big Country Elementary**  
**Parental Involvement Policy**  
2016-2017

**PART I**

**Parents will participate by**

Ensuring their children get to school daily and on time  
Communicating with school personnel regularly  
Attending parent/teacher meetings and conferences  
Providing correct and current contact information, phone numbers and addresses

**PART II**

**Big Country will offer flexible times for meetings**

Parents may schedule conferences with staff during conference periods to discuss student success.  
Event meetings are held at various times throughout the day and evening to accommodate varying schedules.

**Provide parents information in an organized ongoing and timely way**

Parents are involved through written/oral communication – teacher and campus based.  
Parents have access to teachers and administration to express views and receive information.  
Parents have opportunities to express their views through public forums – i.e. PTA, School Report Card meetings.

**Provide timely information**

Progress reports  
Quarterly report cards  
Campus wide notices  
Campus marquee  
Newsletters  
Teacher packets  
Parent Portal  
Campus website  
Remind/Text alert messaging system  
School Messenger

**Providing for parent comments**

Community surveys  
Consistent open-door policy by administration

**PART III**

**Developing School-Parent Compacts, Parental Involvement Policies, School Policies**

Parental compact was developed by group consisting of parents, staff and para professionals.

### **Building capacity for involvement by providing parent assistance**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Counselor availability for parents

Parent assistance is provided during family math, literacy and science nights. Staff discusses curriculum standards, student academic expectations, and ways in which parents can work with their children.

### **Educating school personnel**

Utilizing Parent survey

Campus Improvement Team

Faculty and staff value the contributions made by parents to the school. Parents are involved in various activities, such as helping coordinate PTA Reflections, Make and Take, field day, book fair and fundraisers.

Staff encourages parent participation in Science Fair Night, Family Literacy Activities, Family Math Night and Texas Public Schools Week.

### **Coordinating and Integrating**

Parents regularly volunteer to assist students in a variety of forums – classroom, campus, field trips, mentor reading program and PTA.

Each teacher incorporates in their classroom management plan a means of consistent and timely parent communication.

Counselor utilizes outside agencies for provision of information and assistance for families.

### **Providing full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children**

All parents are invited and encouraged to participate in school activities – regardless of language or disabilities.

Special education parents are introduced and, upon their discretion, have access to the services of a parent liaison.

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