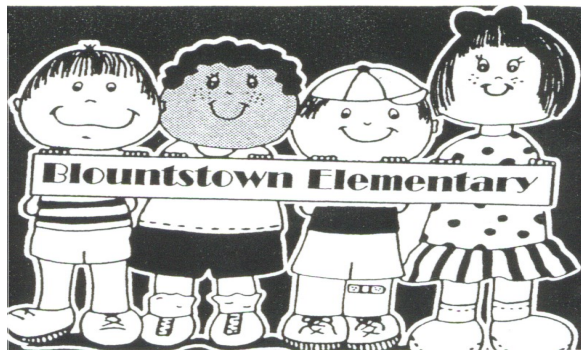


## Opportunities for Involvement

- Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting
- Open House
- Parent Conferences
- Grade Level Family Nights
- Honor Assemblies
- Volunteering
- Make-a-Mess
- Classroom Activities and Trips
- Musical Programs
- Veterans Day Program
- SAC Meetings
- Book Fairs
- ParentSquare messaging app to stay connected to teachers and administrators
- FOCUS Community app for parents: monitor your child's grades and attendance



## Blountstown Elementary School

### Mission Statement

Blountstown Elementary School believes in the potential of all children. We are dedicated to working collaboratively with teachers, students, parents, and community members to create a safe place where all children know they are cared for, develop respect for themselves and others, understand they are accountable for their own choices, gain a sense of responsibility for their environment, and accept the challenge to learn. This is our mission.

### SCHOOL BELIEFS

Students' learning needs should be the chief priority and primary focus of decisions impacting the work of the school.

Each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.

A student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.

A safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.

Teachers, administrators, parents, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.

The commitment to continuous improvement is imperative if our school is going to enable students to become

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## BLOUNTSTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Parental Involvement Guide



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# Parental Involvement

## Research Shows:

When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to perform better in school, stay in school longer, and enjoy school more.

## Parent and Family Engagement

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication that involves student learning and other school related activities.

## Ways to be Involved

- **Communicate:** Keep in touch with your child's teacher through telephone, email, conferences, and various social media avenues.
- **Be an example:** Show your child that education is important by attending events, reading at home, and showing support for his/her progress in school.
- **Learn:** How to help your child with class work, homework, and future educational plans.
- **Get Involved:** Join or participate in School Advisory Council meetings and other parent/school organizations. Parent and Family Engagement Plan is accessible on the school website.

## Title I

Title I is a federally funded educational program designed to provide supplemental funds to school districts to assist schools in meeting educational goals.

Public law requires that all Title I Schools:

- Hold an annual meeting for parents to inform them of Title I and how it supports students' education.
- Involve parents in developing and revising the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact.
- Provide trainings and workshops to build capacity with parents and staff to raise student achievement and encourage parent participation in students' education.
- Utilize a percentage of Title I funds to support the Parent and Family Engagement program. The School Advisory Council provides input in determining how the funds are utilized.

## Building Capacity

Blountstown Elementary School hosts events to build the capacity of parents to help their children at home. The goal of each activity is to assist parents in understanding the state's challenging academic standards.

## School Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a school based group that shares the responsibility for supporting the school's continuous improvement through the implementation of a School Improvement Plan (SIP). The SAC:

- Provides input on how Title I funds are used on Parent and Family Involvement at the school.
- Provides input in writing the Parent and Family Involvement Plan
- Recommends programs and activities that will build capacity in the school and improve parent participation.
- Reviews the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Involvement plan annually.

## School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement...

- That describes the shared responsibility of parents and families, school staff, and students for improved student achievement.
- That stresses the importance of frequent two-way communication between home and school.
- That affirms the importance of parents and families in decisions related to their student's education.
- Is reviewed, revised, and signed each year by parents and school staff.