



## **Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy**

*For students to be successful in school and achieve at high levels, it is necessary to have parent support and involvement in the activities and decision making at the school.*

An annual meeting is held each fall to share with parents the Title 1 Program and its requirements, and to nominate parents to serve on the School Site Council (SSC). We hold monthly School Site Council meetings and invite all interested parents to attend. Parents are notified of meetings and training sessions offered at Barnard and the district Parent Center through flyers, parent newsletters, posters and the parent bulletin board. Parental input from parent meetings and training sessions will be shared with the SSC to provide an organized, ongoing and timely way of including parents in the planning, review and improvement of our program. Interpreters are provided at parent meetings. We also have an active PTA that supports our students as classroom volunteers, coordinate fundraisers, bus safety drills, school pictures, book fairs, fieldtrips, Jog-a-thon, Family Movie Night, Jump Rope for Heart, Read-a-thons, Field Day, Chinese New Year, Dance and Music Performances and our “Passport Through China” Celebration.

Barnard School gives parents the opportunity to attend monthly Family Fridays for all grades. For the new immersion parent, there is Reading Strategies Sessions 1-8 in order to be actively involved in their children’s education. Parents are invited to attend educational presentations, visit classrooms, look at student work, and read with their children. They also have an opportunity to visit with the administrator and support staff and have refreshments. Topics at these meetings will include:

- Provide training that will help parents work with their children at home
- Discussing student assessment data and student progress
- Providing school, district and state resources for student academic improvement
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the school’s parent involvement policy
- Improving communication between the school and the home
- Valuing cultural diversity

School staff communicates with parents and informs them about the state education standards, the educational program, student progress, school procedures and policies through the following:

- School Website
- Back to School Night and Spring Open House
- Progress Reports each trimester
- Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- District sends parents reports of their child’s assessment results annually
- Student Learning Contracts
- Instructional Student Study Team Meetings
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings
- School Accountability Report Card (SARC)
- Student Handbook
- Parent Handbook
- Office Parent Bulletin Board
- Parent letters and flyers
- Parent school newsletter
- Student performances and assemblies
- Student recognition events