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Drexel Elementary School
Parent And Family Engagement Policy 2026-2027

General Policy Statement

Drexel Elementary School recognizes that the involvement of parents in their children's education has been demonstrated to increase student success and to result in better schools, Federal Register: Vol. 54, No. 96, Section 200.34. The **No Child Left Behind Act of 2001** requires the involvement of parents in Title I, Migrant, and ELL programs.

I. Parent Involvement Goals

Drexel Elementary School shall, in coordination with parents of participating children, develop programs, activities, and procedures, which have the following goals:

A. To inform parents of the reasons for their children's participation and the specific instructional objectives and methods of the Title I Plan

- Parent Conferences
- Weekly take-home pocket folders
- Monthly Classroom Newsletters

B. To consult with parents, on an ongoing basis, concerning the manner in which the school and parents can better work together to achieve Title I goals & objectives

- Scheduled parent conferences in all grades
- Unscheduled phone calls and conferences as deemed necessary
- Progress Reports
- Take Home Tuesday Folders
- Meet Your Teacher Night and PTO Open House
- Weekly Call Outs by the Principal
- Kindergarten Information & Transition Conferences
- Title I Family Curriculum Nights (Fall and Spring)
- Student/Parent/Teacher Accountability Agreement
- PTO Advisory Council
- Title I Parent Survey
- Kindergarten Transition Night
- Schoolwide Class Dojo
- Afterschool Remediation (April/ May)

C. To provide parents and teachers the opportunity to build a home/school partnership

- Meet Your Teacher Night (August)
- Kindergarten Information Conferences (August)
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting (October)
- Semester Student Award Recognition (Wolverine's Awards Program January/May)
- Read Across America/Dr. Seuss (February/March)
- One Book, One District (March)
- Kindergarten Transition Meeting (April)
- Scheduled Parent Conferences (1-3x per year/as deemed necessary)
- Title I Family Curriculum Night with Parent Training (Fall and Spring)
- Parent/Grandparents Lunch with their child(ren)
- Thanksgiving Lunch
- Infinite Campus Training - available online
- Afterschool Remediation (April/ May)
- Class DOJO monthly reports & messages

D. To provide a comprehensive range of opportunities for parents to become informed about how the Title I plan will be designed, operated, and evaluated

- Annual Public Meeting to present the Title I Plan
- PTO Meetings
- Parent Conferences
- End-of-Year Evaluation of the Title I Plan
- School Website

E. To ensure opportunities for the participation of parents who lack literacy skills or whose native language is not English
    - Interpreters used when necessary for conferences & meetings
    - Support from ELL teacher and interpreter for communication about homework, child's progress, and test results

F. To provide parents with information concerning the North Carolina State Standards, student achievement standards, and state and local academic assessments

- Testing Information shared with parents
- mClass Reports
- Lexia Parent Reports
- K-2 Math Assessment
- School Net (3-5)
- 2nd Grade IQ Test
- Beginning of Grade (BOG) 3 Test
- Renaissance STAR Reading Progress Report (Grades 1-5)
- Renaissance STAR Math Progress Report (Grades 1-5)
- Transitional 4th Grade Read to Achieve Letters (monthly)
- Read to Achieve shared with parents of 3rd graders (August)

- AIG Testing (Grades 2-5)
- End-of-Grade Assessments (Grades 3-5)
- NC Check-Ins (3rd - 5th)
- Read to Achieve shared with parents of 2nd graders (May)

G. To provide parents, upon request, information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher and the qualifications of the classroom assistant
    - Principal and/or the County Title I office will provide this information upon request

II. Mechanisms, Procedures, Activities, and Use of Funds

A. Drexel Elementary shall develop written policies to ensure that parents are involved in the planning, design, and implementation of programs and shall provide reasonable support of parent involvement activities as requested. Such policies shall be made available to parents of participating children at the beginning of each school year.
    - Agenda of Parent Involvement Activities kept on file
    - Invitation to Parent Advisory Council meetings sent to all parents and teachers
    - School Improvement Plan stating school priority(s) with action steps, timelines, and persons responsible outlined.

B. Drexel Elementary School shall hold an Annual Public Meeting to inform parents of the goals and objectives in the School Improvement Plan. This meeting may be district-wide and/or at the school level.
    - This year's meeting was held in person with parents on October 27, 2026.

C. Drexel Elementary School shall provide parents with progress reports and hold a parent-teacher conference to discuss progress, placement, and methods of instruction.

- Parent/teacher conferences held 1-3x during the school year
- Parent Conferences as requested by the parent and/or teacher
- Weekly Take Home pocket folders & student planners
- Interim Progress Reports
- Nine Week Progress Reports
- mCLASS Reports

D. Parent programs, activities, and procedures will include:

- Parent/Student/Teacher Accountability Agreements
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Weekly reporting of children's progress and/or behavior through Class Dojo
- District Academic Competitions (Speech Contest, Spelling Bee, Archery, etc.)
- Coordinating parent activities and making contacts in the home when deemed necessary
- Reinforcement of classroom instruction and student motivation through home-based education
- Links to School Improvement Plan are available on the school web page and a hard copy on file in the school office for parents to view

E. Parents are expected to cooperate with the school system by becoming knowledgeable of school goals and activities and by working to reinforce the children's training at home.

- Meet Your Teacher Night and Open House (August)
- Title I Annual Public Meeting (October)
- Other PTO Meetings (December, May)
- Kindergarten Transition Night (April)
- Parent Involvement Activities Related to School Goals: Family Curriculum Nights, Read Across America Week, and "One Book/One District" program & activities

F. Reasonable and necessary expenditures associated with parent training sessions and hiring, training, and utilization of parental involvement liaison workers may be supported with Title I funds.

III. Accessibility Requirement

Information, programs, and activities for parents shall be provided in a language and form that the parent understands.

IV. Individual School Implementation

Individual Title I schools shall implement this policy in accordance with administrative guidelines and procedures for parent involvement. Other programs will be implemented at the system level.

V. Annual Evaluation

An annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the parent involvement policy in increasing parental participation will be conducted in the spring using a Title I Parent Survey.

VI. Grievance Procedure

Parent grievances relative to this policy shall be handled in accordance with Burke County Board Policy Appeals to the Board.

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Faculty of Drexel---Signatures of Approval:

Signatures of Approval - Parent Representatives:

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Signature of Principal:

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