

**Sharing Responsibility for Improved Student Academic Achievement by**

- *Conducting Parent/Teacher Conferences annually (at least)*
  - Formal Conferences held twice a year
  - Also held on an as needed basis for any child as requested by parent or teacher
  - In-person conferences preferred otherwise by phone
- *Frequent Progress reports provided to parents*
  - Phone calls about progress or concerns
  - Communication notes between family & teacher
- *Access to Staff, volunteering & participate in or observe the classroom activities*
  - Staff available by phone or email
  - Volunteer sign up sheets
  - Classroom newsletters asking for assistance for special occasions and field trips
- *Providing parents regular meetings to make suggestions and participate in decisions relating education of their children*
  - Meeting requests from families honored by staff
  - MTSS & IEP meetings
  - Fall & Spring Conferences

**Positive & Effective Parental Involvement and support includes**

- Assistance Understanding of Various topics
  - State Academic Content Standards
  - State academic achievement standards
  - State & District Assessments/Requirements
  - Monitoring student progress

**Big Lake Elementary staff will provide materials & training to help parent work with their children to improve the children's achievement in literacy, math & technology training as well as foster Parental Involvement.**

**School information is provided to families in their native language upon request & assistance from staff members is provided to all families to ensure learning opportunities are available who face additional challenges that might impede success in the classroom.**

Parents are encouraged to participate in all aspects of their child's educational experience. Some ways include:

- **Volunteering in classroom or school**
- **Participate in Family Engagement Events with your child.**

Participation is not limited to time spent at school. Other ways include:

- **Homework time and assistance**
- **Proper rest & nourishment for growing brains**
- **Communicate with the teacher**
- **Conversations about school with your child.**



*Big Lake  
Elementary's*

**Parent  
Engagement  
Policy  
2020-2021**

We are committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. We want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's teachers. Their support is critical to their children's success every step along the way.

## Title I: What is it?

It is a federally funded program to assist our school in providing a successful education for ALL students



Big Lake Elementary recognizes that some students may need extra assistance available through the Title I program to reach the state's high academic standards.

As a team with parents and the community, we will design a well-defined educational program for all its students. Title I is embedded in every part of our school.



- Parent Engagement activities/ family events throughout the year.
- Intervention instruction/progress monitoring for struggling students.
- Professional Development for staff
- Additional Resources for classrooms

## Your Involvement in Planning, Reviewing and Development of the Title Plan is always Encouraged.

Opportunities include:

- \*Parent/Teacher Conferences
- \*Questionnaires/Surveys
- \*Emails
- \*PTO meetings
- \*Participation in School-Home Compact

### Title I Plan Development

- Developed jointly with families & community
- Input collected during annual meeting and throughout the year

### Our Title I Team pledges to:

- Offer flexible number of meetings to obtain input
- Transportation, child care or home visits available for attending these meetings with appropriate funding

Flexibility offered in a variety of ways

- Title I engagement info is available at every school function
- Kindergarten orientation with Head Start in the spring and Kindergarten Roll-In in the fall.
- Annual Title I meetings
- PTO meetings

**Big Lake Elementary's Title I (STEPP) plan is available upon request or online through a link on our school website.**

## Information Distribution to Parents

Big Lake Elementary will provide parents timely information about the curriculum, academic assessment used to measure student progress and student proficiency levels.

Curriculum information is available and presented in a number of ways including but not limited to:

- Discussed at Parent Teacher Conferences
- School newsletters provide information on programs being taught

Assessment Information is discussed at Parent Teacher Conferences, IEP & MTSS meetings as well as anytime parents & teachers need to look for academic progress