



Ballard Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy Summary

2024-2025

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to read this Parent and Family Engagement Policy Summary. Below are brief summaries of how Ballard Elementary plans to support parent and family engagement in the 2024-2025 school year.

Engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. Education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family throughout the student's school career in our district. Manatee County Schools will foster and support active parent and family engagement so that schools and parents work together as partners in educating children.

Thank you!

Parent and Family Engagement Policy will: *Every Student Succeeds Act 1116 (b-c)*

- Involve an adequate representation of parents, or establish a School Advisory Council to represent families, in developing and evaluating the "School Parent and Family Engagement Policy" that describes how Ballard will carry out its required family engagement activities.
- Hold annual meetings for families to explain the Title I program and the rights of parents and families to be involved.
- Offer other parent workshops at flexible times.
- Use Title I funds to support parent and family engagement and involve parents in deciding how these funds are used.
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program.
- Develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, students, and school staff will share the responsibility for improving student achievement as well as describe how parents and teachers will communicate.
- Offer assistance to parents in understanding the education system and the state benchmarks, and how to support their children's achievement.
- Provide materials and training to help parents support their children's learning at home.
- Educate teachers and other school staff, including school leaders, on how to engage families effectively.
- Coordinate with other federal and state programs, including preschool programs.
- Provide information in a format and language parents can understand, and offer information in other languages as feasible.

If you would like to receive a full copy of the school and district Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please see the different options below.

- Contact the school office to request a copy of either plan
- Visit the school website to view a copy of either plan : <https://www.manateeschools.net/ballard>
- Available for review in the school office

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