Parent Workshop in English and Spanish:

Region 14 ESC will host a parent workshop featuring Minerva Ibarra from Region 1 ESC to present to Region 14 parents in both English and Spanish. Her presentation clarifies Texas graduation and testing requirements in a style that is comprehensible for parents. Please contact your child's campus if you would like to attend.

BRECKENRIDGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY
Revised

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the goal of Breckenridge Independent School District to provide for the educational needs of every student in our district. To that end, we feel it is vital that students have support from parents and community as well as the school. A positive link between home and school will create a learning environment that strengthens the importance of an education for the student. In order to accomplish this goal, BISD seeks parent support of our schools and invites parent involvement in every aspect of the school in order to create the best learning environment for our students.

Parents will have the opportunity to serve on numerous site-based committees, and be involved in various local, state and federal programs offered at BISD where important decisions are made concerning district and campus goals and objectives. All parents, whether serving on a committee or not, will have access to the districts goals and objectives outlined in the District Improvement Plan.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING POLICY

The District Improvement Council consisting of parents, teachers, principals, and members of the community will meet to jointly develop and agree upon a Parental Involvement Policy for our school system.

BISD will actively recruit volunteers for the District Improvement Council. The goal is to involve a parent population that reflects the diversity of the community.

This committee will meet four times a year at regular times and a place that is convenient for all members of the committee.

MEETINGS FOR TITLE I PARENTS

Breckenridge ISD uses Title I funds to provide school-wide services for all students on three campuses. A portion of Title I funds are set-aside to provide for the McKenny-Vento students that attend non-Title I campuses. One percent of Title I funds are set-aside for Parent Involvement.

At least one meeting each year will be conducted for parents to inform them of the new Title I guidelines and the variations from the previous year's program. Copies of the district's current Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed, reviewed and revised as necessary.

SCHOOL-WIDE COMPACTS

In accordance with Title I regulations, each Title I campus must develop a Parent-Student Compact with the parents of students participating in the program. Parents must be actively involved in designing the compact at each campus.

This compact will enable the school and parents to share responsibility for student responsibility for student performance and success. The compact must explain how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for promoting high student achievement.

Parents will receive a copy of the compact and are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their student.

TYPES OF PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The district will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs at school as well as create a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success.

Each campus and family will develop and maintain parental involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of everyone involved. Parent involvement opportunity may include but are not limited to:

- Spanish translators
- Volunteer programs
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- Parent Conference Day
- Family Access
- View the campus and district websites often
- View the teacher web-pages
- Plan, support and attend parties
- Chaperone field trips
- Serve on committees
- Complete and return surveys and questionnaires
- Attend school functions
- Donations

- Planning rewards for student achievement
- Eat lunch with their student
- Serve on PTO and booster clubs
- Create a supportive home environment

MATCHING PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Parent and student needs will be assessed through questionnaires, surveys, and needs assessments as well as a variety of other measures targeted at creating a successful school environment. Programs will be added or deleted based upon need.

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Breckenridge ISD will use all written, verbal and electronic means available to provide information to the parents and community. The media, newspaper, webpage, family access, parent conference days and other various modes of communication will be utilized to inform the parents of activities, events, school and student information.

Parents will be invited to participate in local and area workshops on topics that will be tailored to meet the unique needs of student and parents. They will be consulted in the design, development and implementation of the Title I program and other local, state and federal programs as required.

EVALUATION

The District Improvement Council and/or other parent committees will review, evaluate and revise the Parent Involvement Policy annually. Title I parents are encouraged to provide input on the effectiveness of the program. The evaluation procedure will include assessment of successes as well as recommendations for improvement.