Brinnon School

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Parental involvement at the Brinnon School means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. In this communication process, it is the expectation that

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Reliable research consistently indicates that parent involvement in schools and the education of children consistently raises the academic achievement of children. The Brinnon School encourages parent involvement in the following activities and organizations: open house, back to school night, meet the teacher, parent/teacher conferences, book fairs, family night, special family and parent lunches, site-based decision making committee, fun day, field trips, awards ceremonies, and other general school functions. Events are scheduled which combine a number of activities to make it easier for parents to attend.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, the Brinnon School will provide the following:

- A parent meeting will be held in the fall where the Title I Plan and status will be discussed. Parents will have the opportunity to review the plan and make comments and suggestions.
- Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student activities through classroom newsletters, Brinnon School District Report Card, student handbook, student report cards and progress reports, individual State testing summaries, parent conference and learning plan discussions, school website, and e-mails and phone calls from teachers and staff.
- A school-parent-student compact (part of the discussion at parent conferences) that outlines how parents, school, staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning.

- A varied schedule of meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
- A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information, and any other concerns that the teacher, parent, or student may have. While meeting with their child's teacher, the parents will also become familiar with classroom expectations and procedures, and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education. The Title I status, Title I Plan, and Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be discussed at this meeting and and input will be solicited.
- A survey will be given annually to all parents in order to collect opinions and concerns parents may have about the current programs and to collect suggestions for improvement.

It is the sincere hope of the staff of the Brinnon School that students, parents, and the community can work together to enhance the education of each child.