Black Mountain Elementary
Council Policy

Council Policy Type	Policy Number
( ) By-Laws (Council Operational Policy) (X) Function (School Operational Policies)	1.18

POLICY TOPIC DESCRIPTION
Parent Involvement Policy

POLICY STATEMENT

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving the parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Black Mountain Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program, Family Resource Center and PTO.

Parents are encouraged to assist in such activities as: Back To School Fest, Kentucky History Week, Hillbilly Day, Fall Festival, Grandparents Day, Christmas Stocking Retreat, Sock Drive for Nursing Home, Muffins for Mom, Grandparents Day, Parent Volunteers will be solicited to assist with tutoring.

Parents will be notified of scheduled events and activities
In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Black Mountain Elementary will provide the following:

1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
2. A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as open response questioning and other academic assessments. (Star Reading, Star Math etc.) Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement.
3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
4. 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 or parent may have.
5. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school

curriculum and student achievement through Parent Portal, Black Mountain School Report Card, Student Handbook, Communication log, Black Mountain Web Page, handouts and mailings and student achievement reports.. A computer will be set up in the lobby updated with the latest school news.

6. A Title I school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving learning will be implemented each school year..
7. Two times each year, a survey for all parents shall be conducted by the School's Administration to collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current program and to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all. Parents and community members are always to be made welcome at Black Mountain Elementary.

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