

**Bruce Drysdale Title 1 Parent Engagement Policy**

The Administrative Team, as well the Teachers and staff members at Bruce Drysdale Elementary School believe in the value of building partnerships between the teacher/staff and parents/guardians. As it pertains to your child's academic learning, we also sincerely believe in ongoing, quality two-way communication between home and school. We're extremely confident that this can be achieved through well-established stakeholder partnerships, consistent parent involvement in school activities. These actions will undoubtedly ensure that your child will excel both academically and socially.

**At Bruce Drysdale, we believe that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning by:**

- Making sure your child arrives at school on time.
- Asking your child questions about what he or she is learning.
- Checking homework.
- Reading with them every day.
- Communicating with your child's teacher.
- Ensuring your child turns in assignments on time.

**Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school by participating in:**

- Title 1 Parent training sessions that are held at various and convenient times and modalities throughout the school year. Oftentimes, Parent surveys are disseminated in an effort to give you an opportunity to give us your feedback.
- Student-Led conferences where students take an active role in showing examples of their work, we believe that this takes ownership in their progress.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences -**

- Provide one on one, scheduled time with respective Teacher's.
- Staying informed of your child's grades or proficiencies by means of report cards, teacher assessment reports made available through parent request, and the PowerSchool website.

**PTO and other extracurricular activities offered at Bruce Drysdale.**

- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their child by means of Tier Meetings, IEP Meetings

**Parent-Teacher Communication is vital. At Bruce Drysdale we communicate through:**

- Notification Flyers and Parent Training Session Invitations
- Teacher Newsletters
- BDS website: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/bds/>
- SwiftReach-SwiftK12 Alert Phone Calls, Text Messages, and Emails



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- We strive to include communications in a variety of languages that reflect our school community (i.e Spanish and provide interpreters). Please feel free to make requests for translation services when needed.

**At Bruce Drysdale, we believe hard work should be celebrated, and historically, we've done this by:**

- Recognizing extraordinary character traits, observed in students each month at our Terrific Kids Ceremony.
- Recognizing academic achievements at the end of every 9 weeks Honor Roll Assembly.
- Homework completion celebration with "Limo to Lunch".

"Lunch for Learners"

- Recognizing good citizenship through, PBIS recognition, morning announcements, and by posting excellent

Work on the class bulletin boards in the hallways.

**At Bruce Drysdale, we believe in providing a safe and healthy learning environment.**

- All entrance doors are locked, the only entry point for visitors is through the main office door, where visitors are buzzed in via audio and video system.
- We conduct routine fire & emergency drills.
- Bruce Drysdale has as an assigned Sworn Law Enforcement Officer serving as the School Resource Officer (SRO) • The SRO has an office on campus and is present to assist with a variety of protocols and endeavors such as assisting/facilitating in teaching DARE.
- Bruce Drysdale Elementary School also has a school-based health clinic on-site, which is totally accessible to all students.

We are a Positive Behavior Instructional School (PBIS) where our staff receives training in a variety of strategies that encourage and reinforce positive behavior.