



Bruce Drysdale Elementary School

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“Reaching all students and teaching them to be successful step by step”

Jason Joyce, Principal

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Bruce Drysdale Title I Engagement Policy

The administrative team, as well as the teachers and staff members at Bruce Drysdale Elementary School believe in the value of building partnerships between the teachers/staff and parents/guardians. We also sincerely believe in ongoing, quality two-way communication between home and school as it pertains to your child’s academic learning. We’re extremely confident that this can be achieved through well-established stakeholder partnerships and 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 and ensuring your child turns in assignments on time.
- Reading to or having your child read independently every day.
- Communicating with your child’s teachers.

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

- Attend Title I Parent training sessions that are held at various times and in a variety of modalities throughout the school year. Parent surveys are disseminated at these training sessions in an effort to give you an opportunity to provide your feedback.
- Attend Parent - Teacher Conferences held one to one at a predetermined time in person, via phone, or online.
- Staying informed of your child’s grades or proficiencies by means of report cards, school or teacher assessment reports, and the PowerSchool website.

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

- Notification flyers or invitations for parent training sessions
- Teacher newsletters and emails
- BDS website: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/bds>
- Digital platforms such as Swift K-12 or Remind for alert phone calls and text messages.

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

At Bruce Drysdale, we believe hard work should be celebrated through positive office referrals and positive notes and calls home.

- We recognize attendance and growth in both character and academics on a quarterly basis.
- We recognize academic achievements with calls home, data notebooks/rewards, and a quarterly assembly.

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

- All entrance doors are locked with the only entry point for visitors being through the main office door where visitors are buzzed in via audio and video system.
- We conduct routine fire and emergency drills.
- Bruce Drysdale has 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 STAR for fifth graders.
- Bruce Drysdale Elementary School also has a school-based health clinic on-site, which is available to all students.

PTO and other extracurricular activities are offered at Bruce Drysdale.

- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making at our school.