**Parent Involvement Policy (2016-2017)**

Bear Creek Community Charter School is committed to the belief that all students can learn and acknowledges that schools and parents share a commitment to the educational success of children. A critical component to our students’ success is the on-going support and participation of our parents/guardians. The faculty and staff at Bear Creek Community Charter School appreciate the importance of an informed working partnership between the students, their families, the community at large and the staff at our school. We believe that when all of us work together, a student becomes a more confident and successful life-long learner.

According to research, students with involved parents tend to have better achievement scores. More importantly, these students recognize that their education is important to all of the key adults in their lives. While we recognize the importance of parent involvement, we also realize that parents have many home and work challenges that might prevent traditional involvement in the school setting. We plan to offer different opportunities for parents to participate in our students’ educations. In order to assure collaborative partnerships between parents and teachers, Bear Creek Community Charter School is committed to pursuing different ways that celebrate and respect the diversity of our school population and that support the individual needs of our families.

**Title I at Bear Creek Community Charter School**

Bear Creek Community Charter School receives federal funding to operate a school-wide Title I program. A schoolwide program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school; its primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low-achieving, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on State academic achievement standards. Each year we hold an annual Title I parent information meeting for all parents in the fall of each school year. Parents have the opportunity to come learn more about Title I and how we support students. Each year parents have the opportunity to review the current parent involvement policy and make recommendations for revisions. A Title I brochure will be posted on the school website. If anyone would like a copy of the Title I brochure, please e-mail Mrs. Hyjurick at rikki.hyjurick@bearcreekschool.com.

**Ongoing Communication with Parents**

* Parents can stay informed on a regular basis through the use of the school website [www.bearcreekschool.com](http://www.bearcreekschool.com). This is ongoing and current information that parents can access at any time concerning all aspects of our school.
* Parents can also access Mrs. Hyjurick’s website to receive additional information about Title I and reading support. Many resources will be posted on this website to help parents understand the program better.

<http://rikkihyjurick.weebly.com/>

* At parent/teacher conferences, all parents are provided with assessment and curriculum information from the classroom teacher. This includes the most recent PSSA report for students as well as any benchmark information that is necessary to be shared. If additional help is needed to better understand the curriculum or PA Core Standards, please let the school know so we can offer specific training.
* Parents can monitor their child’s grades on a regular basis through Power School. This information is sent home in the summer mailing with login information. For more information about the Parent Portal, please visit <http://www.bearcreekschool.com/parentportal.php>. If you do not have your current login information, please see Mrs. Colleran in the main office.
* During conferences the Title I compact is reviewed and signed. The Title I compact is a document that has been jointly developed by parents and staff. The compact lists specific responsibilities for students, parents, and staff that will help students be successful in school. This compact is reviewed annually.
* An annual evaluation of the Title I program effectiveness will be conducted through our Parent Satisfaction Survey at the end of the school year. The school will use the findings from the Title I portion to plan for the next school year’s Title I program.
* The school will hold at least one annual Title I event. The parent and child will participate in various engaging learning activities. This year our first event will be held in the evening of **October 6, 2016**. It is titled “Fall in Love with Learning.” Together we will gather to engage in some fun literacy and math activities. Title I funds can be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities. If you have suggestions for future parent trainings, please feel free to contact Mrs. Hyjurick.
* Parents of incoming Kindergarten students are required to attend an informational session during New Student Registration to learn about the expectations that we have for our Kindergarten students.