

Annual Blue Heron Middle School



Title 1 Update

Theresa Campbell, Principal
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Learning Through a Sense of Place

Blue Heron Middle School is a Title 1 School

Blue Heron Middle School participates in the Title 1 Program. Title 1, Part A is part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Its goal is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards.

As a Title 1 school, we qualify for federal grant money which we use for additional staffing, parent involvement, staff development, and extended school day opportunities to help us meet that goal. This update is intended to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

You have a right to request regular information or meetings about Title 1 at Blue Heron. Please contact the school principal if you would like more information.

Citizen Complaints

If you believe that the law that applies to federal programs like Title 1 has been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. First contact your child's school. If you can't reach a solution, you can file a Citizen Complaint through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Information on how to do this is attached.

Right to Request Teacher Qualifications

All parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraeducators. If you request this information, the district will provide you with the following:

- Whether the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under a emergency or other provisional status for which Washington qualifications or certification has been waived;
- The college major of the teacher and any graduate degree or certificate; and
- Whether your child is receiving Title 1 services from paraprofessionals, and if so, whether these paraprofessionals meet state/federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

If you would like to request this information, please contact

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Nancy Zamberlin, EL Coordinator, (360) 379-4540

School-Wide Parent and Family Engagement Policy

School Parental Involvement Procedures

- Parents and staff will review the previous year's parent involvement procedures and the results of the parent survey at the annual Title 1 meeting in the fall.
- Procedures will be revised as needed and will be posted in the building and on the building website.

Annual Title 1 Parent Involvement Meeting

- This meeting was held on Sept. 7, 2019. You received notification of this via School Messenger and email.
- The agenda of the meeting included: 1) An explanation of Title 1 Requirements 2) An opportunity for input into the procedures for parent involvement, the school-parent-student compact and the parental involvement budget and plan.

Notifications

- Parents are notified of their students participation in programs that include reading, math, and English-language support in the first weeks of school, and through individual planning meetings and conferences.
- Parent – Teacher conferences are held twice a year, in October and in March
- Literacy & Math nights will provide detailed information about grade level curriculum, assessments, and levels of expected achievement.
- Report Cards are sent home each semester
- Student academic progress is closely monitored, and interventions are established for students identified in grade –level teams.

School-Parent Compact

- Each Title 1 School shall jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the staff, and students will share the responsibilities for improved student academic achievement.
- The compact will be discussed with families during the October parent-teacher conference.

Additional Opportunities

- Meetings and events will be held throughout the year to increase parents' knowledge about curriculum and how to better support their child academically.
- Parents are encouraged to join the district-wide PTA

Efforts to Ensure All Parents are Included

- Translation of written materials will be provided when practicable.
- Interpreters are provided for conferences.
- Child care is provided for school events
- Meetings and conferences are provided at a variety of times
- Parents can schedule meetings with teachers to discuss progress.

Please share your thoughts!

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