

## Arkansas

## District Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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**School Year**

2017-2018

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**Superintendent**

Richard Atwill

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**District Coordinator: Name & Email Address**

Allison Turner aturner@blythevilleschools.net

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**Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members***(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

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Turner

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**Position**

Community Development Coordinator

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Mark

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Parent

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Parent/Community Stakeholder, Southern Bancorp

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**Position**

English Language Tutor

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**Position**

District Social Worker

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Patricia

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Smith

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**Position**

Parent Center Coordinator

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Amanda

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Haynes

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**Position**

Blytheville High School New Tech Parental Involvement Coordinator

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**First Name**

Jennifer

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Spurlock

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**Position**

Blytheville Middle School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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**First Name**

Debbie

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Cleveland

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Blytheville Middle School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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Lekeysha

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Buckley

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Blytheville Elementary School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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Felicia

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Blytheville Elementary School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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Brooke

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**Position**

Blytheville Primary School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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Dettris

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**Position**

Blytheville Primary School Parental Involvement Coordinator

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**Goal 1: How will the LEA foster effective parent and family engagement strategies and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement?****Hint**

1. Develop and disseminate district parental involvement procedures. The District Parental Involvement Team (names listed above) chaired by Allison Turner[(870)762-2053] will complete this task.
2. Conduct an annual meeting in the spring to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A Program. Stakeholders will meet to determine the effectiveness of the programs and policy as well as to determine, based both on observation and surveys, the plan for the following year. The District Parental Involvement Team (names listed above) chaired by Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will complete this task.
3. Reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement, with 90% going to Title I, Part A schools. Jean Cole, Director of Title I Services [(870)762-2053] will ensure this reserve is budgeted.
4. Coordinate parental involvement activities with Mississippi County Economic Opportunity Commission's head start program. Through a partnership with MCEOC, Blytheville Primary School houses two pre-k classrooms. Parental Involvement coordination will take place between both organizations to ensure parents receive information, materials, and training. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will coordinate district efforts with EOC contact Priscilla Johnson [(870)776-1366].
5. Parental Involvement facilitators will be established for each of the buildings in our district: Blytheville Primary School: Melissa Moriarty and Sarah Green [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983] and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772].
6. The District Parental Involvement Committee, led by Allison Turner [(870)762-2053], will conduct an annual review of the parental involvement policy. The committee will look at indicators such as attendance, parent/student benefit, needs met, and community satisfaction. Committee Members are listed above.
7. The District Parental Involvement Committee, led by Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will take part in developing the district parental involvement policy and plan out of the committee's review of the plan and will ensure that parent, student, and school needs are met. This will take place through surveys, interviews, documentation from events, and other forms of communication that are presented from stakeholders. Committee members are listed above.
8. Parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency will have accommodations including information in language and form that they can understand, as well as other provisions to provide equal access. District English Language Learner tutor, Julie Ponce [(870)762-2053], Special Education Director, Jean Cole [(870)762-2053] and Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will be responsible.
9. Parents will be involved in the process of school review and improvement through Arkansas Consolidated School Improvement Plan review and other school-based committees. Parental Involvement Facilitators and instructional facilitators in each building are responsible for ensuring parent representation on these committees. Blytheville Primary School: Diane Jenkins, Michelle Hepler, Brooke Aldridge, and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Cynthia McCustion, Lauren Starks, Lekeysha Buckley, and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924)], Blytheville Middle School: Debra Siegler, Denita White, Jennifer Spurlock, and Debbie Cleveland[(870)762-2983 and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Robin Sneed, Tyler Isbell, and Amanda Haynes[(870)762-2772].

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**Goal 2: How will the district provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental engagement?**

**Hint**

1. Allison Turner, District Director, will conduct ongoing site visits to each of the schools in the district during school hours and during after-hour events to observe parental involvement practices. In addition, Mrs. Turner will hold monthly Parental Involvement Facilitator Team Meetings/Training on the last Tuesday of each month to provide support, oversight and ongoing training for building facilitators. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053].
2. Provide materials and training not otherwise available to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement. These materials and trainings will be offered through the district parent center and will be based upon the needs set forth by parents and community members. Patricia Smith, Parent Center Coordinator [(870)762-2053] and Shirley Byrd, District Social Worker [(870)762-2053].
3. Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners through ongoing, embedded professional development. In addition to professional development, school personnel will make a minimum of ten positive parent contacts each month to establish rapport and create a positive baseline relationship upon which the school and the parent may regularly communicate around the needs of the student. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] and school facilitators – Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole[(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924]], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983 and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772] will be responsible.
4. Information will be sent home in a language and form that parents can understand. The district's English Language Learner tutor is available to make home visits, along with the district social worker, to provide another layer of support and understanding for materials and student/family needs. District English Language Learner tutor, Julie Ponce [(870)762-2053] and Shirley Byrd, district social worker [(870)762-2053].
5. Provide a copy of the school policy at each school for parents to view as well as provide a copy to each parent. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] and school facilitators Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924]], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983 and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772]will be responsible.
6. Each School in the Blytheville School District will be monitored to ensure that the school performs the following tasks:
  - Develops a parental involvement policy

- Offers flexible meeting times for both conferences and family events (breakfast, lunch, afternoon, evening). Meeting times will be decided based upon parents surveyed and the requests of parents.

- Provides information to parents about the school's program and includes a parental information guide.

- Develops and uses the School-Parent-Student Compact

- Provides training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system and Home Access Center (Online Gradebook) in order to have real-time access to their child's attendance and achievement. Parent training topics and times will be decided based on surveys, interviews and conversations with parents and teachers. Parents have access to the Home Access Center to track student grades and assignments. Parents will also have access to other portals, such as Renaissance Home Connect where parents may monitor books their children have read, Accelerated Reader Quizzes, Math Facts in a Flash practice, and other math and literacy content applications. School Messenger will be employed to communicate attendance concerns (such as tardiness of absences) as well as send announcements about upcoming events.

Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] and school facilitators Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924]], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983 and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772] will be responsible.

7. Reinforce parenting skills to support the acquisition of academic skills and their application in real-life situations for parent use. Mississippi County Economic Opportunity Commission provides excellent parenting skills classes and the aim of the district is to partner with the EOC in offering those classes for parents. In addition, training will be held through the district parent center and in each building to further acquisition of academic and parenting skills. The district social worker will also assist in topics and in referrals. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will coordinate district efforts with EOC contact Priscilla Johnson [(870)776-1366] and district social worker Shirley Byrd [(870)762-2053].

8. Parents will be encouraged to both visit and volunteer in the schools and will be trained by school staff and building parental involvement facilitator. To support and encourage parent volunteerism, each building will select a parent 'Volunteer of the Year.' From the building Volunteers of the Year, a district Volunteer of the Year will be selected and awarded at the district's annual Partners in Education Reception. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] and school facilitators Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924]], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983] and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772] will be responsible.

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**Goal 3: How will the district build the school's capacity for strong parental engagement?****Hint**

1. Provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A. Information will be provided to parents concerning national, state and local education goals through our Annual Title I Report to the Public. Education goal information will also be shared with parents through a variety of meetings including, but not limited to, Parent-Teacher Organization meetings, Family Nights, and Stakeholder meetings. Additionally, parents will receive the 'parents' right to know' letter concerning teacher qualifications for the building their students attend. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053], Jean Cole, Director of Title I [(870)762-2053], Sally Cooke Curriculum Director [(870)762-2053].
2. The district will assist in the development of the stakeholder engagement committee in each building and will serve as an advisor for each building's committee. Each stakeholder committee will consists of school personnel, parents, community members, district social worker, district parent center coordinator and district parental involvement director. Each stakeholder committee must meet a minimum of one time per quarter. This committee will create a partnership between the home, school and community businesses and enable parent support across the community. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053], Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924)], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983] and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772].
3. Provide resources for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child. Resources will be provided to enable the parents to become full partners in the education of their child. Materials and supplies are available through the district and school parent centers as well as through various community agencies. Patricia Smith, Parent Center Coordinator [(870)762-2053] and Shirley Byrd, District Social Worker, [(870)762-2053] are responsible.
4. An annual survey to improve school effectiveness is conducted each spring and parents will be a primary player in that survey. Once the surveys are completed, parent input will heavily inform the planning and process for the plans the following year. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053]
5. Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of the schools. Such support may come in various forms such as attending events, meetings and serving on advisory committees. Support also comes through the approval if reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053], Kris Williams, Director of Title I [(870)762-2053], Sally Cooke Curriculum Director [(870)762-2053].

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**Goal 4: How will the district conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater participation?****Hint**

1. Survey parents annually, including questions to identify barriers to parental involvement. Parents will be surveyed annually through the use of a free online survey tool 'Survey Monkey' and Google Forms. Parents who are unable to access the Internet will be provided the same survey on paper. The survey will include questions to identify barriers to parental involvement, parent needs and desires for their child's education, events and times, as well as other topics related to each school's program. The results of the survey will be used to inform the plans for the following year as well as used to reach out to other parents. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053].

2. Provide an opportunity for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. Parents will be provided an opportunity to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures and be included in analysis of data collected. Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will lead the District Parental Involvement Team (made up of parents) in conducting this assessment and in gathering additional parent input (see team members listed above).

3. Develop procedures for collecting parent participation documentation through sign-in lists for workshops, meetings, and conferences; schedules; brochures; meeting notes; and other means as appropriate throughout the school year. Each building parental involvement facilitator will also keep track of parent and community volunteer hours. Blytheville Primary School: Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan [(870)763-5924)], Blytheville Middle School: Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland [(870)762-2983] and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Amanda Haynes [(870)762-2772].

4. Use finding from evaluation process to:

- Make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revision.
- Provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental involvement.

Allison Turner [(870)762-2053] will lead the District Parental Involvement Team (made up of parents) in conducting this assessment and in gathering additional parent input (see team members listed above).

5. Develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community.  
Allison Turner [(870)762-2053].

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**Goal 5: How will the district involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP)?****Hint**

1. Parental Involvement Facilitators will be responsible to recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. Building administrators and instructional facilitators will ensure parents are educated in Title I/ACSIP expectations and will ensure parent input is received, honored, and utilized. Blytheville Primary School: Jana Wilson (Principal), Diane Jenkins and Michelle Hepler (instructional facilitators), Brooke Aldridge and Dettris Poole (parental involvement facilitators) [(870)763-6916], Blytheville Elementary School: Chanda Walker (Principal), Cynthia McCustion and Lauren Starks (instructional facilitators), Lekeysha Buckley and Felicia Dogan (parental involvement facilitators) [(870)763-5924]], Blytheville Middle School: Mike Wallace (Principal), Debra Siegler and Denita White (instructional facilitators), and Jennifer Spurlock and Debbie Cleveland (parental involvement facilitators) [(870)762-2983] and Blytheville High School-A New Tech School: Bobby Ashley (Principal), Robin Sneed and Tyler Isbell (instructional facilitators), Amanda Haynes (parental involvement facilitator) [(870)762-2772].

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Your 2016-2017 district Parental Involvement Plan has been successfully update. All of the required components are included in your plan. No revisions are needed. It can be posted to your website. A copy of the review will be e-mailed to Ms. Allison Turner. Please retain a copy of that review along with a copy of your 2016-2017 Parental Involvement Plan in your parental involvement documentation files. Thank you for your promptness and the effort that is evident in the completion of this plan. Best regards, Dr. Mallette

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