

Arkansas High School- School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2023-2024

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1. *(Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs.)*

Arkansas High School will include parents on school improvement planning committees. The school will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum used by the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. If requested, parents will be given the opportunities to meet and formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Grade level parent meetings will be held in the spring. For more information contact your child's counselor: (870)774-7641

The school will post notices in school facilities, on social media or do telephone callouts to inform parents about workshops and meetings. The school will use the district website, school website, digital marquee located on school grounds, and grade level meetings to inform parents about the School-wide Title I Plan. Digital parental surveys are offered throughout the school year to seek vital authentic input to acknowledge that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.

2. *(Describe/List when (provide the month/year or month/day/year) the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting should not be used to ask for parent input, but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.)*

Arkansas High School will conduct an annual Title I meeting for parents. The school will hold their annual Title I meeting separate from any other meeting or activities to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

The school will use the district website, school website, social media pages, digital marquee located on school grounds, and the grade level parent meetings to inform parents about the School-Wide Title I plan.

3. *(Describe/List how the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents and how the school is going to communicate with parents including information about how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)*

The Texarkana Arkansas School District and Arkansas High School web page will showcase school information, current events, and teacher contact information, and phone numbers for parents to utilize. Arkansas High will also use Facebook and Instagram to highlight current events, and to provide a calendar of upcoming activities. The school also will use a call-out system to inform parents of upcoming events. Arkansas High School produces Razorback TV News Shows that are accessible to parents, family members, and the community online via the Arkansas High School Razorback TV channel on Youtube. The school will provide parents with information such as report cards/parent reports at least every three weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events. The school will host grade level parent meetings before school starts.

The school will keep the School Parent and Family Engagement plan updated and accessible on the Arkansas High School page on the www.tasd7.net website. The school will have copies of the plan available in the counselor's office in both the main building and the Freshman Academy.

4. *(Describe/List the process the schools will follow to jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact.)*

The Arkansas High School staff, parents, and students will develop a school compact. This compact will inform and outline how parents, school staff, and students share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and follow rules and regulations of the school. It is also necessary for parents to familiarize themselves with school regulations to eliminate misunderstandings and to help maintain a quality educational program. All shareholders will sign the compact.

5. *(If the district receives more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation, then it must reserve 1 percent for parent and family engagement activities. A minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to high-need schools. If the school is allocated a percentage of the 1 percent, describe/list how the school will share with parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used.)*

Arkansas High School will provide materials and information to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement. To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall purchase parenting books, magazines and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting. The school welcomes parents into the school, seeks parental input, and recognizes that parents are partners in decisions that

affect his/her child. The school will follow state requirements and use community resources to help with parental involvement.

6. *(Describe/List how the district and/or school will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families.)*

The school will host community events with community partners. Students and parents will be invited to attend the community events. Arkansas High School staff will seek parental support, assistance and recognize that parents are full partners in decisions that affect his/her child and family.

7. *(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success.)*

To help support parents in helping their student's academic success, Arkansas High School will use the school webpage, social media pages, host numerous activities, and invite parents to participate in decision making.

Parents can access their child's grades at www.tasd7.net All parents receive a PIN number at the beginning of the school year.

The school will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for learning:

Open House/Meet the Teacher

Hog Howdy (Welcome and Information meeting for 9th-grade students)

Grade Level Parent Meetings

Awards and Recognition Ceremonies for students

Concerts and Athletic Events

EAST Night Out

Science and STEM Nights

College Fair

Parent teacher conference dates are on the school's yearly calendar; teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in the student union.

The School Messenger will also do an all call to parents to remind them of parent-teacher conferences. The School Messenger system is also used to notify parents of upcoming class meetings, events, or changes in the school calendar.

The school will send parents a letter in the first report card that explains their child's test results and standardized test scores. For more information contact: Arkansas High Counseling Center (870)774-7641.

For students who did not score proficient on the state-mandated test, an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP) will be developed and signed by parents and school personnel. Included in the Parent/Student Handbook is the process for resolving parental concerns, including who to contact and how to develop solutions to problems.

Information about Night Library and Credit Recovery will be sent to parents by the counseling staff.

Several teachers, counselors, and club sponsors utilize Remind 101 which is a text message reminder about upcoming events.

For more information about events please contact:

Athletic Events - Coach Trey Outlaw (870)-774-7641 ext. 1028

Band Concerts- Band Director (870)774-7641

Senior Events- Sherry Grimes - Senior Counselor (870)774-7641

Club Events and Fundraisers-Club and Grade Level Sponsors

8. *(Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, online resources, and Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Describe/List methods of parents' assistance for building staff capacity. Describe/List actions the school will take to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities.)*

Arkansas High School will host a special orientation program for parents and students to help with the transition from Junior High to High School. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers at the end of the school year and help plan out their child's class schedule for the next school year. For more information contact the Counseling Office at (807)774-7641.

Parents may use email to communicate with members of the school staff. Each grade level counselor will email parents to keep them informed on school activities. Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's

progress. School Messenger is utilized to make all calls to parents to communicate with them about upcoming events.

The school will provide parents with progress reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.

The school will provide at least 1 workshop for teachers each semester on strategies for collaborating with parents to achieve student success.

(The school parent and family engagement policy/plan may include additional sections describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build capacity.)

Committee Members:

1. Brad Bailey- Arkansas High School Principal
2. Christiane Irvin- TASD Alumni, Recruitment, and Marketing Director and AHS Parent Coordinator
3. Audrey Wright- AHS 9th grade Counselor
4. Natasha Hampton- Arkansas High School Assistant Principal
5. Parent
6. Anne Formby- Instructional Facilitator