



Bergman High School

Bergman School District

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School Engagement Plan

1: Jointly Developed Expectations and Objectives

Describe how the School works with parents and families to develop and review relevant plans, policies, and strategies related to engagement.

There is a Parental Involvement Committee that includes 3 parents of high school students. These parents are of different backgrounds and adequately mimic the characteristics of the student body.

- The school will hold a Title I meeting, discussing with parents their concerns and asking for their input concerning programs, funding, academic progress, and kinds of assessments used.
- The school will engage parents in decision-making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement.
- The School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs.

The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I meeting to be held in October 2023. In this meeting, parents will be informed of the requirements of Title I and how the school participates in Title I programs. In addition, parents will be informed of their rights under Title I. The Title I meeting will be separate from any other meeting to ensure that there is 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 Annual Title I Meeting will include a sign-in sheet, agenda, and minutes of the meeting.

2: Communication

Describe how the School will communicate with and distribute information to parents and families.

Bergman High School will use various communication strategies with parents. One way to communicate with parents is through the school website. Here parents can find the annual school calendar, daily announcements, library resources, menus, and staff contact information. Parents can access their child's grades by using Home Access Center (HAC). Parents may use email to communicate with the school staff. The Counselor's Corner includes college and scholarship information as well as the CAPS booklet. Under the Parents/Students tab, there are links to various resources such as HAC, school closings, etc. The website is designed to be used as a communication resource for students, parents, teachers, and the community.

An automated school messenger system is used to contact parents with significant information such as school closings and upcoming events/deadlines.

Open House will be held on August 8, 2023. Parents and students are invited to attend and will be given information about curriculum requirements, classroom expectations, student assessments, and curricular goals for each discipline. Parents are encouraged to visit with teachers at this time.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 19, 2023, and February 15, 2024. Parents as well as students are encouraged to visit with teachers regarding student progress. Parents may contact teachers via email to arrange alternate meeting times.

CAPS Night will be held in the spring semester of each year to involve parents in the decision-making process of their students in registering for the coming school year. The school will provide information packets for parents that will include expectations, schedules, curriculum information, rules, and general information.

Progress reports are sent to the parents the fifth week of each nine-week grading period, allowing for parent intervention to help improve student performance.

The Journalism Class produces a student newspaper each week. Parents may receive an electronic copy of the newspaper.

Information regarding programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent in a variety of ways. Paper copies of such announcements are available for students to take home. In addition, notices are made on the school website as well as the Bergman High School Facebook page. The automated message center is also utilized to send texts and phone calls to parents regarding important notices/events.

3: Building Staff Capacity

Describe activities that will be used with School staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

Bergman High School staff attend a workshop during Inservice each year in which the focus is parental involvement. Staff discuss ways in which they can foster relationships between themselves and parents, including but not limited to personal contact and volunteer opportunities. Staff are encouraged to contact parents and involve them in their child's educational process.

Various meetings will be held throughout the year to showcase student successes; parents are encouraged to attend these meetings: Open House (August 8, 2023); Senior Parent Scholarship Night (September 2023); Parent/Teacher Conferences (October 19, 2023, and February 15, 2024); Report to the Public (October 2023); Art Show and Fine Arts Night (April 2024); CAPS Night (April 2024); Honors Awards Assembly (May 2024); Athletic Banquet (May 2024).

4: Building Parent Capacity

Describe how the School provides opportunities to build parents' capacity to play a role in their children's academic success. This may include conducting workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings or providing equipment or other materials.

Bergman High School will hold an Open House prior to the start of each school year in order to introduce students and parents to the faculty as well as the physical plant. Parents will receive each year a parent involvement survey in which they may indicate the areas in which they are interested in volunteering at school. Parents are able to access their child(ren)'s grades via HAC. Meetings may be scheduled in which parents and staff can meet to discuss the needs of their students. Meetings may be held at various times to accommodate parent participation.

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Resources for parents are provided in the Parent Resource Center in the Library Media Center. Parents are encouraged to use the parent computer to view the school website, research websites, or check student grades on HAC. To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available, purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting; these will be available through the school library.

The school will distribute information packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teacher/students and planned for the current school year, and information about the systems that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, email, social media, etc.).

Included in the school's policy handbook is the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.

5: Coordination

Describe how the School will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners, including alumni, to provide additional supports, services, and resources to families..

To take advantage of community resources, the school shall attempt to recruit alumni from the school to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

There is a preschool located on the Bergman School campus. This preschool is operated in conjunction with the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Cooperative.

The counselor and the CTE instructors offer industry and business tours as well as speakers throughout the year so students may gain real-world perspective and consider career opportunities. CTE instructors provide instruction in various fields (marketing, banking) and skills (welding, small engine repair) in order to give students experience with and exposure to future career choices.

Bergman High School partners with the local community college, allowing students to receive concurrent credit and/or technical training before high school graduation.

6: Annual Title I Meeting *(Title I schools)*

Describe the details regarding the Annual Title I meeting used to inform parents of the requirements of Title I, the School's participation, and the parents' rights to be involved.

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7: School-Parent Compact *(Title I schools)*

Describe the process School will follow to jointly develop with parents a School-Parent Compact as required under Title I, Part A.

Bergman High School recognizes the role parents play in their student's education. Therefore, parental input is both welcomed and sought after. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held October 19, 2023, and February 15, 2024. Parents are encouraged to visit with or otherwise contact their child's teachers to discuss progress and any areas of concern.

In the spring of each year, a CAPS night is held. The purpose of this meeting is for parents and students to receive a current academic transcript as well as the proposed academic schedule for the following year. Students and parents are invited to complete up to 3 potential schedules, choosing the classes which they would take in the coming year. Faculty and staff are present at this meeting and are available to answer questions.

Parents have access to their child's grades via Home Access Center (HAC). Grades are shown in real-time, and parents have the ability to see grades at their convenience. Should parents not have access to a computer/cell phone to view grades, they are welcome to come to the Library Media Center to use a computer.

Staff members are available to parents via email and telephone.

At the beginning of each year, parents are asked to fill out a parent volunteer survey listing ways in which they would like to volunteer their time and talents. The school engagement facilitator keeps these completed surveys and refers to them when parent volunteers are needed.

Parents are welcome to observe classroom activities. Parents should clear check with the classroom teacher to let the teacher know they are coming, and parents should check in with the office once they are on campus.
<https://www.bergman.k12.ar.us/page/parent-involvement>

8: Reservation of Funds *(Title I schools)*

Describe how the School uses Title I, Part A funds set-aside for parent and family engagement programs and activities.

Bergman Schools do not receive more than \$500,000 but still feel it is important to spend money on parent engagement. Parents may be asked what is needed for them to help their child(ren) at home. If it is feasible, the materials and supplies will be provided.

School Information

School Name:	Bergman High School
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Committee Members, Role

First Name	Last Name	Role (Teacher, Staff, Parent, Student, or Community Member)
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Sandra	Todd	Counselor
Michelle	Hinson	Parent
Tammy	Middleton	Parent
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State

- Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq.
- Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement

Federal

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act, 114 P.L. 95, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6312, 6318, 6320

Find additional guidance on the DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements webpage. For any questions about completing this form or meeting legal compliance, please contact the DESE Engagement Unit at ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov or 501-371-8051.