



School Parent and Family Engagement 2019-2020 Policy

ROSE BUD HIGH SCHOOL

124 SCHOOL ROAD

ROSE BUD AR 72137

501-556-5404

District

Rose Bud

Grade Levels

Seventh through Twelfth Grade Levels

Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator

Corinna Strain

Title I Schoolwide

Percent of free and reduced lunch

Free and Reduced price meal district eligibility for the 2018-2019 school year is 62%

Free and Reduced price meal High School eligibility for the 2018-2019 school year is 54%

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan was developed jointly by our committee; the committee consists of parents, community members, and school employees. These are the members of our committee: Corinna Strain, Counselor and High School Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator; Danny Starkey, High School Assistant Principal; Scott Moore, Teacher; Julie Reedy, FACS Teacher and parent; Kayla Jones, parent and community member; and Kim Hartle, parent and community member.

1. Rose Bud High School uses various communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

- An Open House evening will be held for students and parents to meet administrators and faculty, pickup schedules, receive supply lists, and tour facilities prior to the beginning of the school year. This evening will inform students of academic expectations and parents of opportunities for involvement in their children's education. Open House will be held on August 12, 2019, from 4:00-6:00 pm. See school web-site for this announcement. Contact person is David Dodge. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- The faculty will improve communication between parents and teachers through Home Access Center, teacher websites, the Rose Bud High School webpage, newsletter, the information sign at the entrance to the campus, parent/teacher conferences, seminars, and Career Action Planning conferences. The person responsible for making sure parents have the information to access the teacher's HAC website is Ann Keller. Contact number



is 501-556-5152. David Dodge, high school principal, is responsible for maintaining the informational sign, seminars, etc. Contact number 501-556-51404.

- The Rose Bud High School will provide resources for parents that focus on strategies to increase parental involvement in his/her child's learning. David Dodge, high school principal, is responsible for these resources. Contact number is 501-556-5404. Information disbursed to parents will be made available in various languages reflecting the diverse student population. David Dodge, high school principal, is responsible for distributing information in various languages. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- Rose Bud High School will hold two Parent/Teacher Conferences in the Fall and Spring from 1:30-7:30. The dates are October 17 and March 19; the dates will also be posted on our website. Contact person is David Dodge, high school principal. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- Rose Bud School will hold Career Action Planning conference on March 19, 2019. More information will be on our website in March. Corinna Strain is the facilitator for this meeting. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- Parents and students will be invited to meet their child's teachers and to pick up schedules, and other information during our Open House on August 12, 2019. Handbooks will be distributed to students the first day of school during a home room class. Rose Bud School's central office distributes handbooks to the high school. The high school office distributes handbooks to parents of new students. Contact number is 501-556-5404.

2. Rose Bud High School will conduct parent meetings, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates will provide flexible meeting times to help increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (These will include the two state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

- Rose Bud High School will conduct no less than two Parent/Teacher Conferences to provide improved communication for parents regarding student performance, career planning, and schedule planning. These will be held in the fall on October 17, 2019, and in the spring on March 19, 2020. Parents and teachers can discuss students' progress and address concerns of parents and teachers. They will be held from 1:30 to 7:30. See our school website for the dates. The contact person is David Dodge, the high school principal; his phone number is 501-556-5404.
- The Rose Bud High School Parent Center will be opened to provide resources and information to parent/guardians and community members relating to the following: (A) Informational Packets (B) Parent Involvement Meetings (C) Volunteer Resource Book; (D) School's process for resolving parental concerns in handbook; (E) Seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in decisions and scholarship opportunities; (F) Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment; (G) Resources to help a parent assist in his or her child's learning; vocational/technical information. Contact person is Corinna Strain. Contact number 501-556-5404. The High School Parent Resource Center will be located in the conference room in the high school counselor's office.



- Rose Bud High School will offer at least one financial aid night each year to the parents of juniors and seniors; this will provide an overview of various kinds of federal, state, and local scholarships and financial aid opportunities for our students. The general process of applying will be discussed. This presentation will be a joint effort between Rose Bud High School and one of our community partners—ASU Beebe. Financial Aid officers from ASU Beebe will come to our campus to present this information. They will also return for a meeting later in the Fall to help students and parents fill out the FAFSA. Our committee has approved the use of Parent and Family Engagement funds to provide a meal for students and parents who come to the meeting to fill out the FAFSA. Ms. Strain will be available to help students fill out the You Universal Scholarship application to sign up for State Aid to attend college or vocational programs in Arkansas. The contact person for this is Corinna Strain; the phone number is 501-556-5404.
- A Report to the Public Night and Parent Involvement Meeting will be scheduled to provide a report on the state of the school and how parents can assist and make a difference. This will be held in September. See school web-site for dates. Contact person is Luke Lovins, superintendent. Contact number 501-556-5815.
- Rose Bud Schools will hold an Annual Title I Meeting for parents to inform them about the school's participation in the Title I program and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revising of the School's Title I Plan. This meeting is held in October. See school web-site for dates. David Dodge, high school principal, is the facilitator of the meeting. Contact number is 501-556-5404.

3. Rose Bud High school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities; this will include state mandated parent training.

- The Rose Bud High School will continue to support the Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee. David Dodge, high school principal is the contact person for this committee. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- Our Rose Bud School will continue to support the I Heart Rose Bud Organization; this organization is one of our community partners; it is made up of many of the local churches in our community. The members of this group help our school in many ways. They provide many things to parents and students at various times throughout the year. They have helped supply free school supplies during our Annual Open House and throughout the year. During Open House, they provide our students with free haircuts and physical exams as well as food and household items. They also help our school with the Backpack for Kids program which provides a backpack filled with food for needy children to take home on Fridays.
- The Rose Bud High School will conduct annual training for volunteers assisting in instructional programs for parents. This training will be held in the Fall of each year. Check our website for training dates. We have two training sessions scheduled: September 12 at 8:30 am in the high school principal's conference room and October 7 at 5:00 pm in the high school principal's conference room. Corinna Strain is the contact person for this training; the contact number is 501-556-5404.
- Rose Bud High School will conduct an annual parent night to discuss our instructional programs. The training will include topics aligning to both building and district level Parent Involvement plan goals and objectives, as well as topics requested by parents



and/or the community. Training will be held in the Fall to provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents. Contact number for teachers is 501-556-5404. David Dodge, high school principal is the contact person.

- The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts requires teachers to participate in Professional Development in the following areas on a rotational basis: (2013-14 and every fourth year after that) 2 hours of Professional Development related to child maltreatment; (2014-15 and every fourth year after that) 2 hours of professional development designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies; (2015-16 and every fourth year after that) 2 hours of PD designed to enhance their understanding of teen suicide awareness and prevention; (2016-17 and every fourth year after that) 2 hours of PD in Arkansas History for teachers who provide instruction in Arkansas History. David Dodge, high school principal, is responsible for making sure mandates are followed.
- In addition to the state mandated Parent Involvement Training, our teachers have many other opportunities to learn about how to work with parents as equal partners. Our school district always provides at least two hours of parent involvement training each year in August to our teachers and staff. They use such resources as guest speakers, our parent facilitators, and the IDEAS website through AETN. Wilbur D. Mills Educational Service Cooperative also provides many workshops throughout the year on these topics.

4. Rose Bud High School will work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact

- Rose Bud high school staff, parents, and students have developed a school-parent-student compact. This compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact. David Dodge, high school principal is responsible for making sure the compact is disseminated to parents in August in the handbook.

5. Rose Bud High School provides opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program

- Title I funds will be allocated for the purchase of materials and supplies to facilitate parent involvement activities and resources for the Parent Center. Corinna Strain, Julie Reedy and David Dodge are responsible for purchasing parenting materials. Contact number 501-556-5404. David Dodge is responsible for getting feedback on how parental funds will be spent. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- Our School holds an Annual Title I Meeting in the Fall to inform parents about how our Title I Funds are used to get input and answer any questions about our programs. We also use this meeting to disseminate information to parents.



- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. David Dodge, high school principal is responsible for recruiting commission. Contact number 501-556-5404
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. The Rose Bud PTO has not been active for this school year. If interested in forming a Parent organization, please contact David Dodge, high school principal at 501-556-5404.

6. Rose Bud High School provides resources for parents

- Rose Bud High School will maintain a parent resource center which will be open to parents/guardians and community members. This is located in the high school counselor's office. Corinna Strain is the contact person. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- A process for resolving parental concerns will be included in the handbook. Handbooks were distributed in August. The school will distribute informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...). Informational packets will be posted on our website. See school web-site for this information and for dates. Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be posted on our website; we will also have copies of the District and School plan to hand out to parents at our Fall Parent Teacher Conference; parent will have an opportunity to sign a form saying they received a copy of this. David Dodge, high school principal will be responsible for the distribution of packets. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. Contact Corinna Strain to find out what resources are available. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Corinna Stain is the parent facilitator for the high school. Contact number is 501-556-5404.

7. Rose Bud High School will engage parents in the evaluation of our parental involvement efforts

- Rose Bud Schools will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the



effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Contact person is David Dodge, high school principal. Contact number 501-556-5404.

- Rose Bud High School actively seeks input from parents on how to use our Title I Funding to help our parents and our students. We have parent and community members on our Parent and Family Engagement Committee. We go over the survey results mentioned above and use the results in our decisions about how to spend Title I Funds. We have parents and community members on our School Improvement Plan Committee. Our district holds an Annual Title I Meeting for parents in the Spring of each year to get parent input on how we plan to spend our funds the next year. Our school holds an Annual Title I Meeting in the Fall to inform parent and community members about how we plan to spend our funds and to answer questions and get input from them.

8. Rose Bud High School will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year. Some of these include:

- Sponsoring seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities. Our CAP Conference will be on March 19, 2020. Each child's CAP teacher will contact the parent to schedule a time. Corinna Strain is in charge of the seminar. Contact number is 501-556-5404.
- Rose Bud High School will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. This information will help drive our goals for the school year. Contact person Corinna Strain. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- Rose Bud High School will provide at least one Financial Aid Workshop each year to provide information to the parents of juniors and seniors about financial aid opportunities for their children. A financial aid information session is scheduled for October 17 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm in the cafeteria. A financial aid specialist from ASU Beebe and Ms. Strain, the high school counselor will have information about federal, state and local grants and aides to help students attend higher education. A FAFSA Workshop to help seniors and their parents fill out the FAFSA and the You Universal Application for State Aid will be held later in October, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the cafeteria and the high school library. Ms. Strain and two representatives from ASU Beebe and Heber Springs will be here to help fill out these applications. Please bring your 2018 tax information. Corinna Strain is the contact person for these events; her number is (501) 556-5404.



9. Rose Bud High School will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting in the fall.

- The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program. The meeting will be held in October of 2019. Corinna Strain will be the facilitator of the meeting. Contact number 501-556-5404.
- For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I Meeting must be conducted. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. Contact person is David Dodge, high school principal.

10. Rose Bud High school makes every effort to coordinate services offered by other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families. Ms. Strain who is the school counselor and district and high school Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator helps coordinate many of the services to our families and students. There are other services that other staff members and community members volunteer to coordinate. Families Inc. based in Searcy, Arkansas provides free counseling to our students on our campus on an as needed basis. The I Heart Rose Bud Organization provides many services to our students and families, such as free school supplies at the beginning of the year, free haircuts at the beginning of the year, free physical exams for our students, food items, house hold items, and some clothing items. Our Parent Resource Center has a lot of free information about how parents can help their children learn; it also has free information from colleges and vocational schools in Arkansas for students and parents; it also has information on our local food pantry and clothes closet sponsored by local churches. Our committee provides many free parent seminars on an as needed basis to students and parents. This year, we are offering two financial aid seminars in the Fall; one will give information about federal, state, and local aid and scholarships. One financial aid workshop will have financial aid officers from ASU Beebe as well as Ms. Strain available to help fill out the FAFSA and the You Universal Scholarship. Mrs. Reedy, our FACS teacher, is coordinating a free Stewards of Children Seminar this year for parents and families.