



# **BARTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

### **Barton High School**

**2020-2021**

#### **Committee Members:**

- Cuarlstine Thomas, Parent Coordinator
- Tammie Moore, Federal Programs Coordinator
- Stacy Hardy, Parent/Technology Coordinator
- Chris Goodin, Barton High School Principal
- Amanda Chaney, Parent Facilitator High School
- Monique Miller, Barton High School Counselor
- Tonya Webb, Parent/Interventionist
- Deborah Bland, Grandparent
- Avis Donahoo, Parent
- Minnie Thomas, Parent
- Wyatt Donahoo, Parent
- Ola Woods, Parent
- Emma Lucas, Community Member
- Macy Ward, Student
- Jimmy Ross, Student

1. **List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents to increase Parent and Family Engagement in supporting classroom instruction.**

*Barton High School values the importance of a supportive and productive relationship with parents and the community. Parents can access their child's grades using a pin number. English teachers disseminate the password at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff, and can call the school to schedule a conference. Teachers will contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress. The school will provide report cards to parents every nine weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress, upcoming classroom and school events. All school personnel can be reached at (870)572-7294 during normal school hours. Technological communication facilitates a system of support for all parents. The technological system facilitates the process required in the translation and acquisition of English. The school will use the student handbook, school website, Facebook page, School Marque, School Status, and SchoolCast system to communicate with parents and the community.*

2. **List the proposed parent meeting, conferences, and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase Parent and Family Engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts.  
(Must include the 2 state-mandated Parent/Teacher Conferences each year.)**

*The following is a list of the dates, times, and scheduled activities for parents during the 2019-2020 school year:*

August 20, 2020	Virtual Open House for Parents/Students (12:00-6:30 pm)
September 14, 2020	Annual Title I Night/Report to the Public (6:00 pm)
October 15, 2020	Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference (2:30 pm -7:00 pm)
March 12, 2021	Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference (2:30 pm -7:00 pm)
May 00, 2021	May Day (subject to change due to weather)

**3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities? (Must include state mandated parent training.)**

Barton High School will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during Open-House orientation for parents and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Handouts encouraging parents to get involved will be given to parents or sent home to provide parents with training on volunteer guidelines, etiquette, and school safety. This information will provide instruction about volunteer opportunities for parents to become involved in school activities. Also, the parent coordinator will attend Parents Association/ PTA meetings as an observer, and serve as a point of contact for parents.

**4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?**

The school staff, parents, and students will develop a School-Parent-Student Compact. This Compact will outline 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. The student, parent, teacher, and principal will sign the Compact. The Compact is reviewed and updated each year.

**5. How will your school provide 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?**

Barton High School will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for Parent and Family Engagement.

- To take advantage of community resources, the school staff attempts to recruit alumni from the school to create an Alumni Advisory Commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent and Family Engagement Committee that will foster Parent and Family Engagement within the school.
- Barton Schools will coordinate and integrate Parent and Family Engagement strategies with other programs to enhance home-school and community partnerships that are critical to students' academic success.

**6. How will your school provide resources for parents?**

Parents may visit our Parent Center, use or check out educational materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites. The Barton Parent Center will be open 8:00 am-3:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. The school will provide a link on the school's website to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, survey for volunteer interests, and the school's compact with recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school. Resource material will be available in the Parent Center with suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education. Parents and teachers will communicate through the use of (notes, phone calls, e-mail, etc.). Cuarlstine Thomas will make these materials available in the Parent Center. During Parent-Teacher conferences, information from the center will be made available to the parents. Mrs. Thomas will be responsible for setting up this informational table. The parent coordinator, Cuarlstine Thomas, can be contacted at 870-714-9927 during normal school hours. Barton High School will promote and support responsible parenting. The school shall as funds are available, purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting for the parent center. Barton High School will 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 shall designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Chris Goodin)

**7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your Parent and Family Engagement efforts?**

Barton High School will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, (Part A) Program's Parent and Family Engagement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment survey completed by parents. The Parent and Family Engagement Committee, made up of parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase Parent and Family Engagement, data interpretation will be a part of the evaluation. The survey will also collect specific information on engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. (Cuarlstine Thomas)

**8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan, and implement Parent and Family Engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?**

*Barton High School will ask parents to fill out a Parent Interest Survey at Open-House or at Parent/Teacher Conferences. The information from parents will reflect activities they feel will be most beneficial in efforts to support their child academically. Barton High School will use the results of the Parent Interest Survey to plan ongoing Parent and Family Engagement activities for the year. Activities that were suggested by the parents will be used and reviewed as part of the annual Parent and Family Engagement Plan evaluation. An annual parent survey will also be given out to parents or accessed online.*

**9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately?  
(It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)**

*Barton High School will conduct an Annual Title I meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, (Part A) Program in October, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Tammie Moore and Cuarlstine Thomas will provide the information shared.*