

Parent Involvement Plan

Barton-Lexa High School

2013-2014

ACT 307 of 2007 (amended ACT 603 of 2003)

Barton-Lexa High School strives to create a community of empowered teachers and engaged students in a safe atmosphere. Faculty and support staff are dedicated to our students' success and transition into adult life, ready for college, vocational education, or the workforce. BHS recognizes and supports the findings of a decade of parental involvement research in *A New Wave of Evidence*, reported by Southwest Educational Development Laboratory (2002):

"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."

The

report also states that regardless of family income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to postsecondary education

Plan for Barton-Lexa High School (BHS)

A. Establish and update a parental involvement plan.

B. BHS employs a certified teacher in the role of parent facilitator. This person receives supplemental pay for the assigned duties.

C. BHS provides informational packets to parents as needed, giving detailed information concerning many aspects of their child's school and education.

D. BHS involves parents of students in grades 9-12 in a variety of roles in a comprehensive and coordinated nature.

E. BHS holds two parent/teacher conferences each year.

F. BHS recognizes that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful, and will strive for such communication through, but not limited to, phone calls, emails, text messages, conferences, meetings, and school activities.

G. As funds are available, BHS will maintain a parent center through which activities, determined beneficial by the school, are planned and implemented for promoting, supporting, and strengthening responsible parenting.

H. As funds are available, BHS will provide parenting books, magazines, and other materials through the school library for parent checkout and/or free materials to offer them.

I. In the student handbook and ACSIP plan, BHS includes the school's process for approaching and resolving parental concerns. The handbook is on the school's website.

J. Plan meetings which inform parents of student learning, assessment, and educational expectations.

K. BHS holds meaningful training, meetings, conferences, workshops, and/or seminars to inform parents of high school students of how to be involved in decision-making concerning, but not limited to, course selection, career planning, and preparation beyond high school.

L. BHS will enable the formation of a PTA or PTO with parent/community interest and other community groups such as an alumni committee, to foster parental and community involvement.

M. Promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere that encourages parental involvement and acknowledge that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning as full partners.

N. BHS will not have policies or procedures that discourage a parent from visiting the school.

O. BHS will ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset and support all phases of the parent involvement plan with input from parents.

P. BHS engages in activities determined by the school to help parents assist in his or her child's learning.

A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections on Student Achievement. (PDF, 1.19 MB, 241pp) A. T. Henderson & K. L. Mapp. (Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002) Report Conclusion. (PDF, 87 KB, 5pp) (ED) Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest, et al. "Parent Involvement and Extended Learning Activities in School Improvement Plans in the Midwest Region. Issues & Answers. REL 2011-No. 115." Regional Educational Laboratory Midwest (2011); ERIC. EBSCO. Web. 14 Sept. 2011.