

BARTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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**School Parent Involvement Policy
2014-2015**

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- 1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction**

Barton Elementary will distribute a monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement such as homework tips and organizational skills. The school will create a Web site to house classroom Web sites for each teacher. Homework assignments and pertinent classroom information will be available on classroom Web sites. A parent can access their child's grades using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year while attending the open house. Classroom teachers explain how to use the web site at that time Stacy Livingston will maintain the school web site. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff, and can call the school to schedule a conference Mr. Winkel will provide parents with a monthly newsletter. All school personal can be reached at 870-572-7294 during normal school hours. **Stacy Livingston**

- 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 parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the two state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

The following is a list of the dates, times and scheduled activities for parents during the 2014-2015 school year.

- Sep ember 16, 2014-Math/Science Night K-12 (6:00-7:00 PM)
- October 22, 2014-Parent/Teacher Conference K-12 (2:30-7:00 PM)

- November 11, 2014-Pre-AP/AP 6th -12th grades (6:00-7:00 PM)
- January 13,2015-Literacy Night K-12 (6:00-7:00 PM)
- February 10, 2015-PARCC/Literacy K-12 (6:00-7:00 PM)
- March 18,2015-Parent/Teacher Conference (2:30-7:00 PM)

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

Barton Elementary will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents and through surveys. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to become involved in school activities. Workshops will provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteers. Demonstration on the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation will be provided during the October Parent/Teacher conference.

The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development once every four years for teachers and administrators designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. This was completed in August by Constance Watson from GREC.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-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. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

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 Elementary School will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement

- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall attempt 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 Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.

- Barton Schools will Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs, such as the Head Start Program, Reading First Program, Early Reading First Program, Even Start Program, Parents as Teachers Program and state-run preschool programs

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- Parents may check out learning games, educational materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The parent center will be open during school hours.
- Barton Elementary will distributed 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...).Janine Sain will make these materials available in the parent center. During
- Parent -Teacher conference information from the center will be made available to the parents Mrs.Sain will be responsible for setting up this informational table. The parent facilitator Janine Sain can be contacted at 870-572-7294 ext.2002.during normal school hours.
- Barton Elementary will promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- Barton School has created a parent center.
- Barton Elementary will Included 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 Barton Elementary School shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

Barton elementary 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 Parental Involvement 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.
- Janine Sain

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

Barton Elementary will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at registration or at the beginning of 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. Barton Elementary will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year. Barton Elementary will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation. The surveys will be given out or accessed online around the first of May.

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 Elementary will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program on October 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. Janet Woods will provide the information shared.