

**Barton High School**  
**Parental Involvement Plan**

**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 High School will create Web site to house a classroom Website for each teacher. Homework assignments and pertinent classroom information will be available on the classroom Websites. Also, parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year. Ms. Stacy Livingston, our technology coordinator is responsible for maintaining the web site. Mrs. Monique Miller our high school counselor will give parents the pin number to view their child's repots 870-572-7294. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff. Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress and upcoming classroom and school events. The school will also use the student handbook, school Web site school marquee and call cast system to communicate with parents and community

- 2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout the 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 2 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.

- August 12, 2014-Open House (1:00-6:00 PM)
- September 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)

Other activities in which parents can choose to be involved include the following:

- Library assistant
- Reading buddy
- Mentor
- Teacher assistant
- Tutor
- Book fair helpers
- Awards Day presentation
- Field day volunteers
- Family reading night
- Parent education workshops
- Orientation presentations
- PTO
- Red Ribbon Week
- Band Concerts
- Choir Concerts
- AP/Pre-AP Night
- Various committees

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

- Barton High School will provide instructions to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitations: 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, and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by classroom teachers.
- 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. (Mrs. Janine Sain)

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

The Barton School Staff, parents and students will review and revise the current school compact at the Annual Title I meeting. 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 Mrs. Woods will present the compact for review 870-572-47-7294 ext.4747

- 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 is a Non-Title I school.

- 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.

- 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 High School distributed Informational packets that include 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.Chaney 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 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 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 which is located in the old primary building.
- Barton High School 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 High School shall designate one (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Amanda Chaney

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

The high school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of parental involvement efforts using a comprehensive need assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. A 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 efforts to increase parental involvement will be 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: (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. The parent facilitator Amanda Chaney will conduct the surveys. 870-572-7294.

**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 High School 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 High School will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.
- Barton High School 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.
- Barton High School will sponsor 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 post-secondary opportunities. Dates for these events are posted on the school calendar, and parents are notified through the call cast system. The High School facilitator will set dates on the website for these meetings. Amanda Chaney.

**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.)**

The Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program is scheduled for October 14, 2014 at 5:30 PM. Janet Woods, Federal Programs Coordinator, will conduct the meeting.