

## School Parent Involvement Policy

Barton High School

2015-2016

### Committee Members:

Janine Sain	Parent Coordinator
Tammie Moore	Federal Programs Coordinator
Mandy Chaney	Parent Facilitator
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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 parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Monique Miller, our high school counselor, will give parents the PIN number to view their child's reports 870-572-7294. Parents may use email to communicate with members of the school staff. Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress. The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events. The school will use the student handbook, school web site, school marquee and call cast 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 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 2015-2016 school year:

- \*August 13, 2015 Open House for Parents/Students
- \*September 8, 2015 Annual Title I Night
- \*October 1, 2015 Math Night
- \*October 21, 2015 Parent / Teacher Conference (2:00-7:00 pm)
- \*March 16, 2016 Parent/ Teacher Conference (2:00-7:00)

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

Parents are required to attend a brief volunteer training before volunteering. Barton High School will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, 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 School and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers and administrators every 4 years designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. These workshop were presented the first week of school in-service. 870-572-7294 Ext. 2002 Janine Sain. Parents may also be notified of opportunities to volunteer during the school year via call cast and email.

**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. 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 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 information of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Amanda Chaney, Parent Facilitator.

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

Parents may check out 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 is open from 7:30-3:30 Monday – Friday. Barton High School distributed informational packets 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 all parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, emails.....) Janine Sain will these materials available in the parent center. During Parent/Teacher Conferences, information from the center will be made available to 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 school hours. The parent center is located in the old primary building. 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 of each school in a school district shall designate one (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. The parent facilitator for high school is Mrs. Chaney 870-572-6867

**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 needs 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's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, 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. The parent facilitator, Mrs. 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 felt 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.

**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, Part A meeting for parents of students who participate in the Title I, Part A program is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Tammie Moore, Federal Programs Coordinator will conduct the meeting.