

## 2014-2015 Parental Involvement Plan

### Benton Middle School

Benton Middle School has several communication strategies that we use to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction. These include:

- A web site to house classroom teacher web sites that include class announcements, homework assignments, grades, and pertinent classroom information.
- Parent/Teacher conferences that are held each fall and spring and Career Action Plan Schedule (CAPS) conferences in the spring. Included at these conferences are test score information, an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the student in reaching achievement goals, grading procedures and next year scheduling information.
- We assist the elementary schools to make the transition from elementary school to middle school as smooth as possible. We raise parent awareness of our procedures and related activities. We will host special orientation programs for parents and students to help with the transition, including an opportunity to meet the teachers.
- Our teachers attend no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.
- The use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents.
- We involve the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). Parents will have an opportunity to join at Open House.
- We will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way.
- We distribute Informational packets at the beginning of each school year. This packet includes registration information, school calendar, school handbook as well as a copy of the school's parental involvement plan.
- We include in our handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.

- As funds are available, the school will purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library. Parents will have the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- One certified staff member will serve as a parent facilitator.