

Benton School District
Parental Involvement Plan
2016-2017

Superintendent: Dr. Mike Skelton

District ESEA Status: Needs Improvement in Literacy and Math

Parental Involvement Committee Members

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| Lori Bacon | Principal Grant |
| Mark Rash | Assistant Principal Grant |
| Rhonda Redmond | Assistant Principal Ringgold |
| Kelly Keene | Assistant Principal Perrin |
| Karl Walker | Assistant Principal BMS |
| Laura McGhee | Counselor BJH |
| Karen Hilborn | Assistant Principal BHS |
| Tracy Samples | Parent Ringgold |
| Vicki Sparks | Parent BMS |
| Diane Temple | Parent BHS |

Goal 1: The Benton School District will foster effective parental involvement strategies and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement.

- 1.1 The district parental involvement plan will be developed and disseminated. A parental involvement plan will be developed by the District ACSIP Leadership Committee and adopted by parental involvement committee members. The plan will be posted on the district webpage.
- 1.2 An annual meeting will be conducted to update policy for next year's Title 1 Part A program. The meeting will be held on February 21, 2017, at the Professional Development center from 10:30-11:30.
- 1.3 At least ninety-five percent of the one percent of the Title 1, Part A 2013 allocation will be deployed to support parental involvement in Title 1 schools, in the Benton School District.
- 1.4 All parental involvement activities will be coordinated with those of other programs, as detailed in the district ACSIP document
- 1.5 A parental involvement contact person will be designated at each of the Title 1, Part A schools: Mark Rash at Grant and Rhonda Redmond at Ringgold.
- 1.6 An annual review of all appropriate data related to the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy will be conducted by the District ACSIP Leadership Committee on May 8, 2015, at the Professional Development Center.
- 1.7 The district parental involvement committee will create a parental involvement plan and implement parental involvement activities, and will disseminate information to the community to promote parental involvement in the Title 1, Part A schools. The dissemination of information will be through meetings and programs at each Title 1 school (Angie Grant Elementary and Ringgold Elementary). This information will be provided so that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access as other parents

including information in a language and form they can understand.

- 1.7.1 Benton School District administrative and school personnel will involve parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of the district. Parents will be asked to participate in the design and implementation of each school's ACSIP, along with teachers, school alumni, district administrative personnel and the school support staff.
- 1.8 Parents will be involved in the process of school review and improvement as evidenced in the ACSIP document for each Title 1 school.

Goal 2: The Benton school District will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement.

- 2.1 The Assistant Superintendent will conduct site visits at each Title 1 school during each semester to observe parental involvement practices.
- 2.2 The awareness and skills of teachers, student service personnel, principals and staff members will be communicated to parents to accentuate working with parents as equal partners. Each Title 1 school (Angie Grant Elementary and Ringgold Elementary) will provide meetings at the beginning of each school year, and periodically thereafter, to explain the working relationship between school faculty members and parents, to support the success of all students in the schools.
- 2.3 School personnel will send information home in a language and form parents can understand. For example, Section 504 and Homebound Program information is translated into the language of Spanish for parents of appropriate students. Other communications are also translated in a similar manner.
- 2.4 School policies at each school will be provided for parents through student handbooks.
- 2.5 Each Title 1 school (Angie Grant Elementary and Ringgold Elementary) will be monitored by the District ACSIP Leadership Committee to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:
 - a. Develop parental involvement policy (plan).
 - b. Offer flexible meeting times.
 - c. Provide information to parents about the school's program.
 - d. Develop and use School-Parent Compact.
 - e. Provide training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system in order to have a real-time access to their child's achievement.
- 2.6 To reinforce parenting skills and support the acquisition of academic skills and their application in real life situations for parent use, the Benton School district will, with the assistance of all of its schools, provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the state's academic content standards, the state's student academic achievement standards, the state and local academic achievement standards, the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, legal requirements; how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with

educators. At the district level, an Annual Report to the Public will be offered during the October Board of Education Meeting at 211 North Boarder Street, Benton, AR 72015. In addition, each Title 1 school will offer, periodically, information meetings for parents.

2.7 The Benton School District will encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer efforts.

2.8 Each Title 1 School in the Benton School District (Angie Grant Elementary and Ringgold Elementary) will convene an annual meeting during the first weeks of the 2015-2016 school year to inform parents of their school's development of the parental involvement policy/plan and their right to be involved.

Goal 3: The Benton School District will build capacity in each of its schools for strong parental involvement.

3.1 The Benton School District will provide information to participating parents in such area as national, state, and local education goals, including parent's rights as defined in Title 1, Part A.

3.1.1 Through periodic meetings, the Benton School District, with the assistance of all of its schools, will provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the state's academic content standards, the state's student achievement standards, the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, the requirements of federal and state laws, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators. Parent Involvement Meetings will be held by each school that will include an overview of: (1) what the students will be learning; (2) how the students will be assessed; (3) what the parents should expect for their child's education; and, (4) how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child's education. Parents will be provided with instructions as to how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment. These will include role playing and demonstrations; the use of and access to Department of Education website tools for parents; assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation; and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the district for at-home parental instruction approved by the district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. Moreover, each school will engage in other activities determined by the school to help a parent assist in his or her child's learning.

3.2 The Benton School District will assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school. Each school in the Benton School District will enable the formation and renewal of Parent Teacher Organizations. These organizations will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Representatives from these organizations will be utilized in appropriate decisions affecting the children and families.

3.3 Informational packets will be provided in each school containing the following information will be provided for parents: (1) Each school's parental involvement program; (2) the recommended role of the parent, student, teacher and school; (3) ways for the parent to become involved in the school and his or her child's education; (4) a survey for the parent regarding volunteer at the school; (5) activities planned throughout the school year; and, (6) a system to allow parents and teachers to communicate in a regular, two-way meaningful manner with the child's teacher and principal.

- 3.4 The Benton School District will involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness. Each school will administer a survey and will submit the results of the survey to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, who will analyze the combined results to make recommendations to the district ACSIP committee and the District Parent Involvement Committee.
- 3.5 The Benton School District will provide reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title 1 schools. The deployment of funds will be shown in the ACSIP documents and budgets for the Benton School District.
- 3.6 Each of the district schools' processes for resolving parental concerns will be detailed in each school's handbook. The handbook will include how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.

Goal 4: The Benton School District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater participation.

- 4.1 The Benton School District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities. The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and to revise, if necessary, its parent involvement policies. Each school will administer the survey and will submit the results of the survey to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, who will analyze the combined results to make recommendations to the District ACSIP Committee and the District Parent Involvement Committee.
- 4.2 The District ACSIP Leadership Committee will provide an opportunity for parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. The Committee will determine a time to analyze and interpret data collected from an evaluation of parent nights and activities in the Title 1 schools collected during the 2015-2016 school year. This includes the review of sign in sheets for workshops, meetings, and conferences; and meeting notes
- 4.3 The District ACSIP Leadership Committee will use findings from evaluation process, in item 4.2, to make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revision and provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies related to parental involvement.
- 4.4 The District ACSIP Leadership Committee will develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. The specifics of this evaluation report will be reflected in the evaluation of the parent involvement actions indicated in the district ACSIP document.

Goal 5: The Benton School District will involve parents in the joint development of the district Title 1 application under section 1112 (ACSIIP).

- 5.1 Parents are included within the District Leadership Team for ACSIP to develop the Title 1 application. Please see the names of these parents in the District ACSIP document.

5.2 An annual meeting will be held to seek parent input in the development of the district's Title 1 plan. Representatives from each Title 1 school's committee will be invited to participate with district staff in this endeavor.

5.3 Parents will be involved through an annual survey to improve district effectiveness. The results of the survey will be given to the Assistant Superintendent, who will analyze the combined results to make recommendations to the District ACSIP Committee and the District Parent Involvement Committee.

5.4 Benton School District administrative and school personnel will involve parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of the district. Parents will be asked to participate in the design and implementation of each school's ACSIP plan, along with teachers.