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Benton Middle School (Benton School District)
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School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

Hint

District
Benton School District

School Improvement Status

Grade Levels
6th/7th

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Karl Walker

Are you Title I Schoolwide?
 Yes
 No
 N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch
37% Free, 7% Reduced

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Karl

Last Name
Walker

Position
Administrator

Enter committee members

First Name
Karen

Last Name
Crosby

Position
Administrator

Enter committee members

First Name
Fanny

Last Name
Neely

Position
Counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Pasley

Last Name

Butler

Position

Counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Holly

Last Name

Bailey

Position

Secretary/Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Allysa

Last Name

Wildschuetz

Position

Intern/Parent

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

The school will create and maintain a Web site to house classroom web sites for each teacher. This web site has announcements, news, and the school calendar information. Assignments, tests, projects and class activities can be posted on the class sites. Parents can access their student's grades through the students e school account. This weekly updated site will provide parents with current information about their child's progress. Progress reports for students with a D or F are sent home at the halfway point during each nine week grading period. Teachers use Remind 101, a text based tool, to notify parents and students about tests, projects, and class activities. This tool is also used to notify parents about school events, ex....dances, pictures, peanut butter drive, special events etc.... Blackboard Connect is another school wide notification system that calls parents to let them know about upcoming school wide events. Student handbooks and school calendars are put in each Parent Pack. These packs are given to parents when they pick up class schedules. Parent handouts are available during Parent Conferences that provide information about HAC (the online grade reporting system) and Google Docs(allows parents and students to use an online tool to work on assignments off the school campus). Parents are encouraged to call or e-mail teachers at any time.

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.)

August 3, 2016 - Jump Start for Students and Parents, August 1, 2016 - New Student Registration, August 4 & 5, 2016 - Schedule/locker pickup, August 8, 2016 - Open House for students and parents (meet and greet teachers and staff), School Dances sponsored by the Student Council (9/23), Elf Club (12/9), and PTO (TBA), October 25, 2016 - Parent Teacher Conferences, March 30, 2017 - CAPS Conferences, April 6, 2017 - Parent Teacher Conferences, Backpack program - weekly, parents help with packs, Testing week - parents coordinate snacks for teachers, November 11, 2016 - Veteran's Day Assembly, March 2017 - Handbook committee, Family Fun Nights throughout the year, Bi- Annual Band and Choir Concerts, Rookie Camps for the 5th graders and parents transitioning from elementary to middle school, Parent Volunteer opportunities through school clubs (chess, elf, paws, yea team, Central High trip, field day, Immigrant day, Flu shot day, Hearing Vision Screening, Band and Choir competitions, I Ready incentive programs, Christmas assistance program, Band Booster Club.....).

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

Orientation meetings for students transitioning from 5th to 6th grade and Open House meetings provide information about ways that parents can be involved in school activities. PTO has parent volunteer sign up sheets at these events. School clubs (elf, paws, chess, band, choir, yea team.....) and the counselor's office have opportunities for parents to help with different activities throughout the year.

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

N/A

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?

N/A

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

District, school, and teacher websites have a wide range of resource links (Dept. of Education, curriculum links, learning strategy tips.....) that can be used for anything from specific assignment requirements to medical information to district policies. Our parent information center has information relevant to Middle School students and is located by the entry door. Counselors, teachers, and administrators provide information regarding specific resources for specific needs throughout the year. A resource handout was given to parents during the open house event on August 8, 2016.

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

During the October 25, 2016 Parent/Teacher Conference night an evaluation/interest sheet will be available for parents to fill out and turn in that night. When parents pick up their report cards they will be encouraged to complete the survey at that time.

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?

The data from the evaluation/interest sheets can be used to increase parental involvement in different activities at school.

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.)

N/A

****After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***