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Benton Middle School (Benton School District)  
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**School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

**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.**

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**District**

Benton School District

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**Grade Levels**

5th, 6th, and 7th

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**Building Facilitator and District Coordinator**

Benji White

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**Title I Status**

- Schoolwide
- Targeted Assistance
- Non-Title I School

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**Percent of free and reduced lunch**

Approximately 35% free and 10% reduced

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**Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members**

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Benji

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**Last Name**

White

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**Position**

**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Denise

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**Last Name**

Rogers

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**Position**

Counselor

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Pasley

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**Last Name**

Butler

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**Position**

Counselor

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Steven

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**Last Name**

Quinn

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**Position**

Principal

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Holly

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**Last Name**

Bailey

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**Position**

Parent

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Kelly

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**Last Name**

Whitlock

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**Position**

Parent

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Lasonya

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**Last Name**

Gray

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**Position**

Parent

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**Enter committee members**

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**First Name**

Karen

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**Last Name**

Crosby

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**1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.**

The school will create and maintain a website to house classroom websites for each teacher. This website 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 Home Access Center. 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. Report cards are sent home at the end of each nine week grading period. Teachers use Remind 101, a texted 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... Alert Now 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 registration that provide information about HAC (Home Access Center). Counselors will provide Panther Pride postcards to staff that reinforce positive actions displayed by students to be mailed to homes. Parents are encouraged to call or email teachers at any time.

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**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 parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

- July 31, 2017 – New Student Registration
  - Aug. 1, 2017 – Jumpstart for students and parents
  - Aug. 2-4, 2017 – Schedule/locker pickup
  - Aug.7, 2017 – Open House for students and parents (meet and greet teachers and staff)
  - School Dances sponsored by the Student Council, Elf Club and PTO
  - Oct. 24, 2017 and Mar. 29. 2018 – Parent Teacher Conferences
  - April 5, 2018 Caps Conferences
  - Backpack program – weekly, parents help with packs through donations
  - Testing week – parents coordinate snacks for teachers
  - Nov. 10, 2017 – Veteran's Day Assembly
  - March 2018 – Handbook Committee
  - May 2018 - Rookie Camps for the 4th graders and parents transitioning from elementary to middle school
  - Bi-Annual Band and Choir Concerts
  - Parent Volunteer opportunities through school clubs (chess, elf, paws, yea team, Central High trip, field day, Immigrant day, flu shot day, hearing vision screenings, band and choir competitions, Athletics, iReady incentive programs, Christmas assistance program, band booster club....)
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**3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?**

Orientation meetings for students transitioning from 4th to 5th grade and Open House meetings provide information about ways that parents can be involved in school activities. PTO has parent volunteer sign up sheets. 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. Counselors' office provides opportunities to assist with community-based and school-based charitable programs.

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

N/A

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**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

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

District, school, and teacher websites have 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 will be given to parents during parent teacher conferences on Oct. 24, 2017.

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**7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?**

During the Parent/Teacher Conference night an evaluation/interest survey 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.

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**8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?**

The data from the evaluation/interest sheets will be evaluated by the Building Leadership Team (BLT). BLT will solicit input from teachers and staff and make changes to the plan. They will disseminate all decisions to faculty and staff through established communication channels.

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**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

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*\*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.*