

Benton High School
Parent, Family and Community Engagement Plan
ESSA Required Components
2018-19

1. Provide information on state academic standards, assessments...

- *The school provides a report and explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and accountability measures - including results for our school. This is done in August of each school year at the Parent/Student Open House.*

2. Provide materials/training to help parents work with their children.

- *The school will distribute informational packets at the beginning of the school year that include a copy of school's parent, family and community engagement plan, a survey, for volunteer interests, and suggestions of ways parents can be involved in their child's education.*
- *A parent center is maintained in conjunction with the counselor's office. It is supplied with resources for parents regarding help with issues in child development.*
- *Provide instruction to parents 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 the Department of Education.*

- 3. May establish a district wide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to PFC Engagement Plan in programs supported under this section.**
 - *The school will involve parents in school improvement planning and invite them to serve on curricular and instructional review committees.*
 - *Parents are included on the committees for the school ASCIP plan and school handbook.*

- 4. Educational staff recognizing the value and utility of parental contributions, build ties between parents and the school.**
 - *Parents are included in numerous committees and organizations in order to help with all areas of school improvement.*

- 5. Coordination of other programs with Parent, Family and Community Engagement activities.**
 - *The counselors at Benton High School will conduct a survey with parents and family members.*
 - *Benton High School Leadership team will review survey to select, plan and implement activities to be offered throughout the year.*

- 6. Send information to parents in a language they can understand.**
 - *School will participate in district wide family night for ELL students each fall.*
 - *All forms and documents available in native language.*
 - *Spanish interpreter is available for all parental activities such as registration, open house, and Parent/Teacher conferences.*

7. Involve parents in development of training for staff.

- *Parent volunteers participate in panel discussion with faculty during August professional development. Discussion centered around school improvement, and parental involvement.*

8. Literacy training for parents.

9. Pay expenses related to Parent and Family Engagement activities.

- *To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.*
- *School hosts and markets College Scholarship/Financial Aid night for parents and family members.*

10. Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.

- *School website is maintained to inform parents of volunteer opportunities.*
- *Parental volunteers are recruited and trained by staff to assist in registration procedures in July/August.*
- *School provides additional volunteer opportunities through Athletic, Band, and Choir Booster clubs.*

11. Flexible meetings/in-home conferences.

- *Counselors/Teachers participate in home visits or phone conferences when applicable.*

- *Meetings/Conferences are scheduled based first and foremost on parent choice and availability.*

12. Adopt and implement model approaches.

- *The school will assess parent, family and community engagement programs and determine what activities/programs can be improved. The school will research best practices and look to implement in needed areas.*

13. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses.

- *In order to take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni to create alumni advisory commission.*
- *Special Ed department partners with community businesses to provide meaningful worksite opportunities for students with disabilities.*
- *Students may participate in internship program through the CTE department with local businesses.*

14. Provide other reasonable support as parents request.

- *BHS Leadership will review survey results to select, plan and implement activities to be offered throughout the year.*