

2015-2016 Pine Bluff High School/Involvement Plan

Pine Bluff School District

School Improvement Status: SD years 8

Grade Level: 9-12

Are You Title I Schoolwide? Yes

Percent of free and reduced lunch: 69.5%

Committee members: Dr. Michael Nellums, Administrator

Committee members: Dr. Reginald Wilson, Administrator

Committee members: Andrea Johnson, Administrator

Committee members: Dexter Lee, Administrator

Committee members: Robin Stepps & Glinda Foots Parent Involvement Coordinators

Committee members: Annette Hatchett, Teacher

Committee members: Laura Graham, Teacher

Committee members: Myra Jarmon, Teacher

Committee members: Cathy Clark, Teacher

Committee members: Joyce Davis, Teacher

Committee members: Brian Cansler, Teacher

Committee members: Betty Harris, Media Center Specialist

Committee members: Henry Dabner, Parent

Committee members: Aisha Madison, Parent

Committee members: Rhonda O'Guinn, Parent & District Advisory Committee President

Committee members: Tiffanye Compton, Parent & District Advisory Committee President

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 following strategies are used to provide information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction:

- 1) We sent home by the students, and in orientation, a form indicating each teacher's preparation period and a time when conferences can be held.
- 2) Teachers at Pine Bluff High School are required to enter two grades per week in e-school as well as communicate with parents through email when problems arise.
- 3) All special announcements concerning events or important information is placed on the PBHS marquee in front of the main office.
- 4) Pine Bluff High School has formed a customer service committee to improve parental involvement by working more closely with parents and keeping them involved by increasing our communication with them.
- 5) Pine Bluff High School will provide to parents reports every four and half weeks with information regarding the child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events. Teachers send home grade reports and also parents can go us e-school to see their student's grade throughout the year. Parents get Home Access Center information through the Media Center. Contact Info: 543-4305; Mrs. Harris, Media Director

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.)

The following are dates and events that are held to increase parental involvement:

- 1) Student/Parent Orientation: August 10-13, 2015, 3:30-7:30 pm each day Contact Info: Principal (Dr. Michael Nellums) 543-4300
- 2) PBHS Open House: September 17, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Info: Principal (Dr. Michael Nellums) 543-4300
- 3) Parent/Teacher Conference October 17, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Info: Principal (Dr. Michael Nellums) 543-4300
- 4) Homecoming Assembly, October 17, 2015, 9:00am- Contact Info: Assistant Principal (Dexter Lee) 543-4301 teacher advisor- Rana McClain
- 5) Turkey Court Assembly November 20, 2015 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Contact Info: Assistant Principal (Dexter Lee) 543-4301--teacher Advisor - Virginia Hymes
- 6) Parent/Teacher Conference March 28, 2015 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact Info: Principal (Dr. Michael Nellums) 543-4300

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

Pine Bluff High School will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as tutoring, geometry camps, and AR reading. Tutoring is offered through the Math Department- Contact Info: Patterson Building (where most math teachers are located) 543-4301 (Patterson) English teachers plan time for student to take AR reading test.

PBHS will 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. Parents will also have access to Pine Bluff School District Parent center. PBS District Parent Center, Freddie Jolivette, Parent Center Coordinator; Contact Info: 850-2008

PBHS will conduct two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies and three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. PBS District Central Office provides in-service training

PBHS will work with Jack Robey Junior High School to provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities. The school will host special orientation programs for parents and students to help with the transition. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers before the start of the next school year. Contact Info: Guidance Counselors at Robey and PBHS---Robey: 543-4284; PBHS: 543-4303

Parents will receive information regarding PBS District VIPS.

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

The Pine Bluff High School's School-Parent-Compact is developed in the spring of each year. We form a committee of teachers, parents and students who work hand in hand with our Parent/Student Handbook Committee to review and revise our current policies. The school/parent compact committee will have significant input into the development of the compact. The committee will review the guidelines which are set forth by the state and make sure our compact complies with those regulations. The compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact. Robin Stepps and Glinda Fouts, the parent coordinators will be responsible for getting the required information to the parents for signatures.

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?

1) Pine Bluff High School is a Title I school and we are in school improvement. We provide all relevant information to parents and students at student orientation and at open house as well as during parent-teacher conference. We also solicit input from parents at each of these events. When Pine Bluff High School develops its annual school improvement plan, parents have the opportunity to participate in its development along with teachers, students, and community leaders. Principals conduct a meeting with parents at orientation and at open house on September 17, 2015 in the cafeteria and at designated sites on campus.

2) Parents will serve on curricular and instructional review committees. To support this process, PBHS will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way. Robin Stepps and Glinda Fouts will be responsible for contacting parents to set a date that is suitable for parents to attend.

3) PBHS will consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

4) PBHS will form a Parent/Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school which will also include state requirements.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- 1) Pine Bluff High School will provide resources to parents through its on-campus parent center, newsletters and other student created publications, and the district parent center. The PBHS parent center is open during school hours: 8:00am-3:30 pm; Monday -Friday Mrs. Harris is the Media Center Director, where the Parent center is located. Contact Info: 543-4305
- 2) PBHS will distribute informational packets each year which includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate. Some of these documents are included in the students' handbook which is distributed at the beginning of the school year and when a new student enters the school. Parents are asked to sign pages and return to the school, the pages are collected and turned into the Principal's office. Contact Info: Assistant Principal Dexter Lee, McGeorge Building; contact Info: 543-4300
- 3) To promote and support responsible parenting, PBHS 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. Mrs. Harris is the Media Director, Contact Info: 543-4305
- 4) PBHS will include in the school's policy handbook, the process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. Forms are returned to Principal's office; Assistant Principal Dexter Lee, McGeorge Building; Contact Info: 543-4300
- 5) The principal of PBHS shall designate (1) certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator. Parent Facilitator: Robin Stepps, FACS teacher, Arts Building; Contact Info: 543-4315 and Glinda Fouts, Trice Building Contact Info: 543-4402.
6. The PBSB has a District Parent Resource Center.

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

Pine Bluff High School provides a parent/student survey to all parents with children at PBHS. This survey allows parents the opportunity to evaluate our efforts as well as make any suggestions to improve our program. While PBHS is a Title I school, we will engage parents in the annual evaluation of our school improvement plan. We will collect evidence about the satisfaction with the plan and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement; the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Robin Stepps and Glinda Fouts will coordinate the data collection and the parent involvement plan will be evaluated in September and October at meetings held with PBHS administrators, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. White, Dr. Reginald Wilson, and Dr. Nellums, Principal.

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?

- 1) Pine Bluff High School will ask parents to fill out a parent survey at registration each year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. This will be done in March during our Parent-Teacher Conference. Robin Stepps and Glinda Fouts, the parent facilitators will coordinate this process. They may be contacted at 870-543-4300. The evaluation meeting has yet to be announced.
- 2) PBHS will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.
- 3) PBHS will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation.
- 4) PBHS will conduct seminars to inform parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for post-secondary opportunities.

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.)

Pine Bluff High School Annual Title I Meeting will be announced.