

BEARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Bearden Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2016-17 School Year





BEARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

The Bearden Elementary School in partnership with family and community is committed to providing opportunities for all students to reach their maximum potential in order to become a successful citizen in a global economy.

BEARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CORE VALUES

BES STUDENTS...

- are expected to be prepared and do their best.
- will participate in creative and critical thinking that will promote self-motivation.
- will exhibit a respectful behavior by showing good manners, kindness to others, and being polite.
- will show responsibility by being conservative and following school rules.
- will help create a friendly and safe environment by being honest, fair, and compassionate towards others.

Bearden Elementary School is dedicated to prepare our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the challenges from childhood to adolescence.

The following outline is in compliance with the legal requirements of Arkansas Act 603 of 2003 (6-15-1602), the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110). This document represents a joint effort of parents, students and school staff.

- I. Parenting-Bearden Elementary School will continue to assist families with parenting, child-rearing skills, and character education.
 - A. A wide variety of materials will be accessible to parents on topics dealing with parenting skills in the BES Parent and Family Engagement Center. Current booklets available are: Helping Your Child Become a Reader, Helping Your Child Succeed in School, and Helping Your Child Become a Responsible Citizen.
 - B. A survey will be presented to the parents at the parent/teacher conference and time allowed for response. The survey will include suggestions and concerns that parents may have concerning all areas of Bearden Elementary and the Parent and Family Engagement Center.
 - C. BES will hold several Parent and Family Engagement activities. Outdoor Family Movie Night after Open-House; Grandparents' Day lunch; Thanksgiving Meal with parents and family; Parent invitations to eat lunch with their Star Student; A Fall Harvest Carnival; Daddy/Daughter – Mother/Son dance; other student body activities held throughout the year that parents are always welcome to attend such as Valentine's Day dances, Christmas parties, Student Council movie nights, etc.
- II. Communicating-Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
 - A. Bearden Elementary School has developed packets of information appropriate for the age and grade of the student containing the following information:
 - a. Information on Arkansas State Frameworks and Local Curriculum Plans
 - b. Health and Wellness Information
 - c. School Calendar
 - d. Testing Calendar
 - e. School and Teacher contact information
 - f. Teacher and bell schedules
 - g. No Bullying Information
 - A. Communication folders/planners will be sent to parents daily that could include: personal letters, weekly grade reports, calendar, etc. BES Teachers will work diligently on making sure information is sent home through these folders and planners to keep communication current.
 - B. Bearden Elementary School has scheduled two parent-teacher conferences per school year.
 - C. Teachers will each keep a folder recording parent communication in their classroom.
 - D. Bearden Elementary School will participate in district "Parent and Family Engagement/Parent Nights". The parents are given a report on the school and an overview of assessments, learning environments and expectations.
 - F. Parents will be given the opportunity to have his/her child's Benchmark and/or Iowa test results interpreted for them in a group and/or individually with the school counselor upon request.

- III. Volunteering-BES parents are very active in various roles of volunteering in the school.
- B. BES sends out a volunteer survey to determine in what areas volunteers are interested in working with the school. These volunteers are called upon to help with the activities held as mentioned in number I above.
 - C. BES has also provided all volunteers and substitute training on our handbook information, especially our discipline policies so they can be better prepared to play a vital role in our educational process.
 - D. A substitute handbook is provided that assists them with daily routines of classroom activities, including schedules. There is a substitute folder in all classrooms for substitutes to follow.
- IV. Learn at Home - Involves families with their children in learning activities at home, including homework and other curriculum-linked activities and decisions.
- A. Grade level packets are given to parents with objectives where they may focus with their child.
 - B. Each grade level informs parents of homework routines and policies.
 - C. The principal sends home a monthly calendar of events written in English and in Spanish.
 - D. BES Teachers send home a newsletter with each new unit in Go-Math.
 - E. Pamphlets are available in the entrance of BES for assistance to parents in many areas of academics and student behavior.
 - F. Username and passwords are sent home to parents for their child's use in the Istation curriculum program/application and the Home-Access-Center (HAC) to access grades.
- V. School Decision Making and Advocacy-Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.

A Parent and Family Engagement Committee is established consisting of: parents, other school employees, and teachers. The committee meets regularly and discusses ideas on how to get involvement and ways to get school information to parents. The committee meetings are announced to the public so that any parent may come and pose school related questions if needed.

The Bearden School Board is very involved in decisions posed by the Bearden Elementary School.

- VI. Collaborating with Community-Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families and student learning.
- A. There is a local food/clothes drive held in collaboration with the school that is for the entire community. It is announced in the school, as well as the community.
 - B. Bearden Elementary students are awarded quarterly for good behavior, Accelerated Reader goals being met, and achievement whether it be honor roll or making excellent progress. A student from each class is honored and recognized each week as student of the week with a certificate, their picture taken and shown through the use of a power point on a monitor placed in the hallway at our entrance.

C. Bearden Elementary will foster and support student participation in community service and fundraisers.

1.Canned Food Drive(s)

2. St. Jude's Math-a-thon

3. Jump Rope for Heart

4. Prayers for Oakley

5. Other projects as needs arise.

VII. Evaluation-Bearden Elementary School will support the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of the program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school

A. Susan Holmes has been designated to serve as the BES Parent Facilitator.

1. Meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to Parent and Family Engagement in the school will be organized.

2. BES will make efforts to ensure that parent recognition is given.

3. The Parent and Family Engagement Committee will review and update the Bearden

Elementary

Plan prior to October 1 of each year.

**Bearden Elementary School
2016-2017
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