

# BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL



Bearden High School  
Faculty and Staff  
2019-2020

Renee McKelvin – Principal  
Rachel Graves – Counselor  
Sonya Launius – Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator  
Kathy May - BHS Parent and Family Engagement Representative  
Bookkeeper – Judy Young  
Receptionist - Gina Earnest

## **Bearden High School**

### **7th - 12th Grade Teachers**

Greg Anthony- ISS, Wellness & Nutrition, Recreational Sports, Jr & Sr Athletics.  
Brandon Austin- PaP Phys Sci, Science 7, ISS/ALE, Jr. & Sr. Ath  
Kelli Barner- Geometry, QL, Pre Cal, Orientation to Teaching II, Language Arts 7  
Rhonda Berry- Art Appreciation, Art I, Art II  
Bryce Boroughs- Math 8, Science 7, AlgIII, AP Stats, Sr. Ath  
William Chambliss- 9th/10th PaP English, Speech, Jr. & Sr. Athletics  
D.A.Clark- Econ, ALE, Soc/World Geo, PaP US History, ISS/ALE  
D.L.Clark- VA, 7th/8th PE Wheel, 7th/8th Tools  
Tracy Graves- Learning Skills  
Amanda Grice- PaP Alg I, PaP Alg. II, Social Studies 7  
Mark Hall- PE/Health, ISS, Jr. / Sr. Ath.  
Susan Holmes-Tools7/8  
Richard Lachowsky- Library/Media, Social Studies 8  
Kathy May- Family and Consumer Science, Orientation to Teaching I  
Jana McWhorter- GT Wheel 7-12, Social Media I, CBA, Business Proc, Bus Law/Financial Lit  
James Murray- AP US History, Civics, PaP World Hist., Driver's Ed, Girls' Jr. / Sr. Athletics  
Mickie Null- Choir, 7th/8th Music, Drama, Band Prep  
Marie Owens- VA  
Jackie Raney- 7th Math, PaP Biology, Environmental Sci, 8th Science  
Jan Simpson- Yearbook  
Christy Thompson-ALE, 7th & 8th Health Wh, Wellness & Nut, Rec.Sports, Jr. & Sr. Ath  
Scarlett Williams-8th Lang. Arts, 11th PaP English, AP Lit, 12th Trans.Eng., 10th-12th Remed.  
Taylor Williams- AP Chem, Physics, PAP Chem, Remediation 7-9  
Chanda Word- Self-Contained  
Lavelle Wright - 7th Bus, 8th Career Orientation, Assistant Principal

### **Support Staff**

Jennifer Todd-Instructional Aide  
Marie Owens – Virtual AR Distance Learning Facilitator

### **Maintenance**

Linda Muerrell  
Carol Clark

**Bearden High School  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
Committee Members**

<u>Parents</u>		<u>Teacher/Parents</u>
Dennis and Brenda Juniel	Jimmy Owens	Kathy May
Jerl Dean Purifoy	Paul Hall	Amanda Grice
Kendra Johnson	Teona Ford	Karen Humphrey
India Weatherly	LaShonda Berry	Scarlett Williams
Melissa Faucett	Kerri Wilson	Susan Holmes
Stacy Chambers	Kineshia Hartley	Kelli Barner
Keshia Humphries	Stacey Weaver	Christy Thompson
Jessica Ellison	Alicia Juniel	Donna Givens
Ken Juniel	Ashley Vaughan	
Deidre Pierce	Cleo Beard	
Candy Shackelford	Megan Launius	
Edria Caesar	Kimberly Smith	
Marquita Thrower	Ester Davis	
Leslie Ryan	Gayle Davis	
Mariela Juarez	Jessica Miller	
Morgan Word	Heather Graham	
Lakeshia Cones	Amanda Inscore	
Cara Thrower	Bryan Hobbs	
Ferron Reather	Shamina Virani	
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**Bearden High School  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
2019-2020 School Year**



Mission Statement

Bearden High School partnering with our families, community and post-secondary institutions will provide opportunities to assist students in accomplishing their highest potential as students and productive citizens in secondary schools, the workforce, and the community.

In accordance with Arkansas Act 603 of 203 (6-15-1602), the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and ESEA of 1965 revised February of 2016, the following Parent and Family Engagement plan has been jointly developed by parents, students, faculty, and staff.

Parenting – Bearden High School defines parenting as the process of rearing a child. Bearden High School will provide support to allow families to enhance parenting skills and character education.

- DVD's will be available in the Parent Resource Center.
  - The following workshops are available and will be conducted based on the needs of the parents.
    - Effective Parent – Teacher Communication
    - Improving Your Child's Organization Skills
    - Understanding Test Scores
    - Computer Literacy
    - Parenting Skills
    - Home Assess Center (HAC)
  - Annual surveys will be provided for families to share their interests, needs, and resources; i.e., "My School Community and Me."
  - Family support programs will assist families with health, nutritional, clothing, food, and household goods to meet these needs.
- I. 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.

Bearden High School defines communication as an exchange of information between the home, the school, and the community, which occurs in a regular and meaningful way. Bearden High School will employ the following methods to improve the communication partnership between the school, home, and community.

- Bearden High School distributes the information below each year at registration:
  - School calendar
  - Telephone contact numbers between school and parents
  - BHS Class Schedules
- Bearden High School distributes the information below through the Student/Parent Handbook:
  - No Bullying Information

- Health and Wellness information
- Mission Statement and Alma Mater
- Core curriculum
- Graduation requirements
- Bearden High School distributes the information below through the School Website:
  - Sports Schedules
  - Testing dates
  - Bell Schedule

II. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout the 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.)

- Bearden High School has scheduled two parent-teacher conferences per school year with follow up conferences as needed.
- Student progress reports are issued every 4 ½ weeks and report cards are issued every 9 weeks.
- Students having at least one F or two D's are identified and parents are contacted. Students are encouraged to attend after school tutoring.
- Bearden High School conducts an orientation for students entering the 7th and 9th grades.
- Bearden High School schedules a High School Orientation Night to explain:
  - Core curriculum courses required for graduation
  - Concurrent college credit courses
  - Vo-tech courses
  - Other courses available
- The High School counselor conducts a college night to aid parents and students in college preparation and financial needs through a "Financial Aid Informational Night."
- Parents are informed about high school and community activities through the Connect 5 Blackboard phone system, as well as a Facebook page, and newspaper and radio announcements.
- Announcements are sometimes made at athletic events.

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

Volunteering – Bearden high School defines a volunteer as someone who does something voluntarily. Bearden High School organizes and makes use of volunteers and audiences to support the school and students by use of the following methods:

- Bearden High School disperses volunteer surveys two times a year, through the Student/Parent Handbook.

- Bearden School District staff members are utilized to operate the Parent Resource Center.
- Parents are solicited to participate on school advisory committees.
- Information is posted and updated monthly through the school website to announce student performances, ceremonies, games, and assemblies to encourage all families to attend as daytime and evening audiences.
- Parents and community volunteers provide character building at after school activities:
  - Boy/girl Scouts
  - Cayce Charities
  - OBU Talent Search
  - Upward Bound
  - Beta Club
  - Student Council
  - Band Booster
  - Pee-Wee Football/Cheerleading
  - Little League Baseball and Softball Leagues
  - Archery

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

Learning at Home – Bearden High School will work to help involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum related activities by the following methods:

- Students receive a syllabus from each teacher for every class.
- Parents receive information on homework policies from each teacher, and how to monitor and discuss school work at home.
- Parents receive letters if their child has received an F, or at least two D's on a report card.
- Information is available in the Parent Resource Center on ways to assist students with skill they need to improve.
- Bearden High School will provide opportunities for family participation in helping students set academic goals in planning for college careers:
  - College days for students and parents to attend
  - Conferences with parents
  - Visits made by colleges to Bearden High School
  - Contacts from various branches of the Army Reserve and National Guard
  - Arkansas Scholar's Day
  - Class Reunions
  - Juniors and Seniors have a college informational night on FAFSA (receiving financial aid for college)

V. 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?

School Decision Making and Advocacy- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.

- Parents participate in the election of school representatives (school board)
- Parents serve on various committees:
  - School Improvement Committee
  - Parental Involvement Committee
  - Student Handbook Committee (parents that are teachers)
- Parents participate and operate the Bearden Band Booster organization, and the Parents of Athletes Working for Success (PAWS) club.

VI. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Collaborating with the Community – Community resources are used to strengthen school, families and student learning.

- Business leaders in the community are actively involved in, and participate in various speaking engagements for several of the high school organizations, i.e., Future Business Leaders of America(FBLA), Beta Club, Student Council, Library Club, etc.
- Various high school clubs and organizations participate in several community service programs and projects:
  - American Red Cross Blood Drive
  - Earth Day Clean Up
  - Bearden Community Food Pantry
  - March of Dimes
  - Arkansas Children’s Hospital
  - Drug Free – Red Ribbon Week
  - Celebrate Freedom Week
  - Black History Month
  - Operation Christmas Child

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

Evaluation – Bearden High School will support and monitor the development, implementation, and progress of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Meetings will be held periodically with the Parental Involvement Committee, parents, teachers, and students, to monitor the success of the program.

- The Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator will meet with the Parent and Family Engagement Committee annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. Recommended improvements and changes to the plan will be made as needed by November 15<sup>th</sup> each year.
- Thereafter, an updated copy of the district’s Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be filed with the Department of Education.
- Professional development will be available to assist teachers and administrators in fulfilling the requirements as required by Act 603 of 2003.

- The Parent Resource Center will be evaluated through parental feedback from surveys and questionnaires. New information and materials will be added as resources become available.

VIII. 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?

- A. A survey will be present 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 High School and the Parent and Family Engagement Center.

IX. 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.)

- A. The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A program.
- B. Mrs. Sonya Launius, Principal and Parent Coordinator will hold the annual Title I meeting separate from any other meetings to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level of students are expected to meet.
- C. For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I meeting will be conducted. The agenda, the sign-in sheet, and the minutes for this meeting will be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office.