

Arkansas

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District Name:	Bismarck School District
Grades Levels:	9 - 12
Building Facilitator:	Cindy Bubulka
District Coordinator:	Nancy Scott
Percent Free and Reduced Lunch:	54.8

Title I Status

- Schoolwide
- Targeted Assistance
- Non-Title I School

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

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

First Name	Last Name	Position
Beth	Belew	Teacher
Lisa	Gibson	Teacher
Tony	Chambers	Principal
Janice	Spraggins	Parent
Dawn	Sampson	Parent
Leslie	Urban	Paraprofessional

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.

Hint

Bismarck High School recognizes that regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school is a key to every student's success. Methods to enhance communication include telephone, emails, the school website, SchoolReach automated phone system, text messaging systems such as Remind 101, parent handouts, the district marquee, school and area newspapers, and written notices posted in easily viewed locations on the school campus and in the community. Open House, parent/teacher conferences held each semester, parent meetings, and seminars devoted to a variety of topics give parents an opportunity to meet with faculty and stay well informed. Individual conferences may be scheduled by parents and faculty as needed. The school sends home mid-quarter progress reports and 9-weeks grades, and parents may view their child's progress at any time through the online Home Access Center. Parent informational packets with a variety of helpful information are provided to parents each year.

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.)**Hint**

August 9, 2018 - Open House: Parents and students are able to meet teachers, become familiar with the layout of the school and receive class supply lists and information. The high school principal will present information about school policies, assessments, curriculum, and plans for the upcoming year.

October 2, 2018 - BHS College/Career Night: Representatives from area universities and technical schools will be on-site to meet with prospective students and their parents in an informal, drop-in setting. The Financial Aid Director at College of the Ouachitas will present information on financial aid.

October 25, 2018 - Parent/Teacher Conferences: Current report cards, results from the previous year ACT Aspire Test, and results from the NWEA Map Test given in September will be given to parents. They can then visit with teachers and discuss student achievement.

February 21, 2019 - Parent/Teacher Conferences: Current report cards and results from the NWEA Map Test given in January will be given to parents. They can then visit with teachers and discuss student achievement.

Progress Reports will be sent out during the 5th week of each 9 week grading period. An automated call will go out to alert parents the report is coming home with the student. Teachers are available through email, phone call or scheduled meeting to discuss student progress.

April 2019 - CAPS (Career Action Planning for Students) Conferences are held in the spring. Parents, students and teacher advisors review each student's career goals and graduation plan in order to select appropriate courses for the coming year.

Additional parent meetings, seminars, and activities are held throughout the year to keep parents active in the school and informed about how to be involved in decisions affecting their child. Among these are academic awards programs; athletic events; choral and band programs; club programs such as FFA, FCLA, and FBLA; Beta Club induction; counselor seminars on topics such as assessment, college planning, course selection, and other ways in which parents may provide learning activities at home; college financial aid seminars; EAST Night Out; and Booster Club meetings and activities.

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

To encourage parent participation, volunteer surveys are distributed during parent/teacher conferences and other parent meetings to determine interests and availability of volunteers. Information on specific ways volunteers might help will be included. The surveys will be used to compile a volunteer resource book that may be used by school staff to identify parents willing to help with specific projects. Information on volunteer opportunities will also be included in informational packets distributed to all parents. In addition to parents, Bismarck High School encourages community involvement. The school reaches out to individual community members and businesses, and works with community organizations such as the Bismarck Business Association and Bismarck Lions Club to provide services to students. Bismarck School District provides professional development designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies to staff as mandated by the Arkansas Department of Education.

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

Each student shall have a student success plan developed in collaboration by the teachers, parents and student. Academic measures such as the ACT Aspire, NWEA Map testing, Science Aspire Interim testing, subject grades, and student work samples will be used in creating and updating a student's SSP. All 9th and 10th grade students will take the NWEA Map test for Reading, Math and Language in August at the beginning of school and again in

January. 9th and 10th grade students will also take the Science Aspire Interim test in the fall and again in January. Grade level PLC's will collaborate using this data to develop personalized learning plans to help students achieve their grade-level expectations and individual growth.

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?

Hint

Bismarck High School is not a Title I school.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Hint

The BHS Media Center maintains a selection of parenting materials including books, magazines, and brochures to assist parents. These may be checked out, and many are free to keep. In addition to the library collection, the Bismarck High School Parent Center contains additional materials to help in parenting. Topics include substance abuse prevention, internet safety, bullying prevention, college and career planning, strategies that promote learning, and many more. The Parent Center is located in the BHS Library Media Center. Parents are welcome to visit and check out materials during regular school hours. Other parent resources are available in the school counselor's office, the school nurse's office, the main school office, and in informational displays in the school lobby. The high school website contains links to the Home Access Center to check grades. Faculty email addresses and teacher web pages are included. Numerous educational links help parents assist their children with school assignments and educational planning. Informational packets are distributed to parents each year. The packets include the school's parental involvement plan; the recommended role of the parent student, teacher, and school; ways for parents to become involved in the school and their child's education; a parent volunteer survey; school contact information; school calendar; guides to using the school website; free and reduced lunch applications and meal planning guides; and other items to assist parents in helping their child at home. The school handbook includes the school's process for addressing parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to consult first, and how to develop solutions. The principal designates a certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator.

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

Hint

Parents will be invited to complete an evaluation survey which will collect specific information on the needs of the parents, the effectiveness of specific strategies and the involvement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Parents are invited to attend School Parent and Family Engagement meetings.

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?

Hint

Parents are asked to complete parent interest surveys during parent/teacher conferences, parent meetings, CAPS conferences, and other school events to determine the activities parents believe will be helpful in supporting their children. Results of the surveys are used in planning future activities.

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.)

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****After completion of this form, the school should to the district for review, feedback, and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***

District Feedback:

	Attention: Changes Needed!	In Compliance	Comments	Date of Feedback
1. Communication Strategies:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Annual Schedule:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Volunteer Opportunities:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. School-Parent-Compact:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Involvement/Schoolwide Planning:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Resources for Parents:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Evaluation of Efforts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Parent Survey:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Annual Title I Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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