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Barton Jr. High School (El Dorado School District)
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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District

El Dorado

Grade Levels

7th, 8th

Building Facilitator and District Coordinator

Della Davis

Title I Status

- ☒ Schoolwide
☐ Targeted Assistance
☐ Non-Title I School

Percent of free and reduced lunch

69%

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

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

Enter committee members

First Name

Sharron

Last Name

Hill

Position

Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Della

Last Name

Davis

Position

Parent Involvement Faciliator, 7th grade counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Bonnie

Last Name

Haynie

Position

Federal Programs

Enter committee members

First Name

Jay

Last Name

Vines

Position

District Parent Involvement Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name

Lark

Last Name

Tommey

Position

Literacy IRT

Enter committee members

First Name

Scott

Last Name

Bounds

Position

teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Jill

Last Name

Humphreys

Position

teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Sally

Last Name

Baldwin

Position
Title I teacher

Enter committee members

First Name
Teresa

Last Name
Crow

Position
community representative

Enter committee members

First Name
Amanda

Last Name
Jerry

Position
parent

Enter committee members

First Name
Dequita

Last Name
Miller

Position
parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Rachel

Last Name

Shults

Position

parent

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.

The Barton Junior High School social media will be updated with information on academic instruction as well as specific events held at the school. Teachers will be encouraged to update google classroom regularly with information on curriculum, upcoming assignments, and contact information. Students and parents will be able to access information from teachers using Google Classroom and student gmail accounts. Parents may sign up for Remind to receive reminders from teachers about assignments and upcoming events in the classrooms.

The BJH sign in front of the school will remind parents of important dates and activities such as orientation, parent/teacher conferences, Kittens conferences, and Parent Night.

Flyers and newsletters will go to parents on an as needed basis which includes, but is not limited to, Annual Report to the Public meeting, Parent/Teacher Conferences, PTO nights, Kittens Conferences, and other special events. A BJHS newsletter "The Kitten Chronicle" will be produced by the student media classes and distributed to students to take home to parents. Letters will be sent home to parents announcing dates of standardized testing with tips for helping students perform to the best of their abilities on tests as well as information on after school tutoring.

The school operates a Facebook account to communicate with students and parents about events throughout the year.

Parents will access student grades through the internet using Home Access Center (HAC). Codes for HAC are given to all students at the beginning of the school year. Parents can also use HAC to email teachers.

A Barton Remind will be developed to notify parents of emergency school dismissal, newsletters, and tips for parents through Eschool.

Teachers will keep contact logs documenting all communication with parents during the school year and will turn them into the Principal's office each nine weeks.

Students will use planner for assignments and events at Barton.

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.)

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for both semesters. Fall semester conferences will be held on September 25 from 11:30 am - 6:30 pm. Spring semester conference will be held on February 19, 2018. Teachers will

personally call and invite parents to participate prior to conferences. On April 5, 2018 parents and students will attend a pre-scheduled conference time throughout the day that will accommodate parent work schedules in order to plan coursework for 8th grade at Barton or 9th grade at EHS. Students and parents may also receive information on college preparation.

An academic parent night will be scheduled for the Spring semester. Parents will be able to choose from a variety of sessions to attend to best help their child's academic progress, including their performance on tests. PTO and faculty are collaborating together on Parent Parties.

7th-grade Orientation will be held on August 7 and 8, 2017. Students with last names beginning A-J meet at 3:30 pm to 5 pm on August 3 and students with last names beginning K-Z meet at 3:30 pm to 5 pm on August 4. Parents are given a brief overview of policies and procedures at BJH and students will receive their schedules as well as other information about the school. 8th-grade orientation will be held 9:00 am to 11:00 am on August 7, 2017.

The annual Report to the Public will be held on September 11, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

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

BJH will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through the "Read with Me" program. Community members are solicited to volunteer in the Cultivating Culinary Tools class.

BJH provides an opportunity for parents to sign up to be parent volunteers for the school year. A list of volunteer opportunities is provided to the parents and ideas for other parent volunteer opportunities is solicited. Brief training sessions will provide parents with information needed to participate as school volunteers. Volunteer forms will be organized into a Volunteer Resource Book for faculty and staff.

The parent involvement facilitator will be appointed and engage, assist, and support parental efforts. Additional in-service opportunities will be provided for the coordinator. The coordinator will also assist with in-service planning for faculty on parent involvement issues and concerns.

The Barton faculty will work with the community in sponsoring events relative to the needs and talents of students and their families. A school wide flu clinic is set for October 13, 2017. Parents will be utilized as needed to aid in any/all events held this year.

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

Title I/Teacher/Student Compact will be sent home to be signed by every parent at Barton. Compacts will state the selection of a Parent Advisory Committee; an explanation of curriculum used at BJHS; parental access to all student's assessments and explanation of proficiency levels. Also stated is the yearly spring meetings with the parent, teachers, and administration with the Title I supervisor for possible changes in the coming year; the availability of the district parent/teacher education advancement center used to provide training and assistance to students; and public meeting notice at Barton prior to September 30th. Compacts will state that parents have the right to know a teacher's qualifications; therefore, a parent may request a teacher's qualifications. The compacts outline teacher, student, and parent responsibilities. These compacts are given at the fall PTO meeting and the Report to the Public in September.

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?

PTO meeting will be held in the fall and spring to include: an introduction of teachers and PTO officers; expectation

for students; opportunities for Parent-Teacher communication; the value of parents contribution at BJHS; information to aid in student's success in school; and Barton's performance on standardized tests.

The Parent Involvement Committee will meet to review the school Parent Involvement plan. This committee includes parents, community members, and school alumni.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Parent kits will be available to all parents. Kits will contain the BJH handbook outlining communication between the school, parent and parent volunteer opportunities.

The BJH Parent Center will be made available to parents with materials on numerous topics helpful to parents. New materials will be added as needed throughout the year.

Parent will be provided copies of the school handbook outlining behavior expectation, how parents can contact school personnel to resolve parental concerns.

The Barton Junior High Curriculum Guide is given to all incoming 7th graders as part of the registration packets.

The parent facilitator will be employed to assist the school involving parents in a greater way throughout the school year. The parent facilitator will coordinate parent activities. Della Davis is the BJH parent facilitator.

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

Parents, teachers, and students will meet three times per year to review the Parent/School Compact and/or the School Improvement Plan. Each parent received a copy of the compact at the beginning of the school year. The compact and School Improvement Plan are online. Parents on the Parent Involvement Committee receive copies of the parent involvement plan.

The Barton Junior High Parent Involvement Policy will be reviewed and revised as needed throughout the year.

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?

Data from any parent surveys will be used to assist the coordinator in determining areas of need with respect to parent involvement.

Teachers will receive a copy of the BJH Parent Involvement Plan to reference when communicating with parents.

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.)

PAC meetings to inform Title I parents of the school's participation in Title I with an explanation of requirements and rights of parents will be held quarterly during the lunch hour during the school year. The annual Title I review will be conducted at the last meeting.

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