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Arkansas High School (Texarkana Arkansas School District)  
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**School Parent Involvement Policy**

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*  
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**District**  
Texarkana Arkansas School District

**School Improvement Status**  
Priority School

**Grade Levels**  
9 thru 12

**Parent Involvement Coordinator**  
Tonya Dunphy

**Are you Title I Schoolwide?**  
 Yes  
 No  
 N/A

**Percent of free and reduced lunch**  
52%

**Parent Involvement Committee Members**  
*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**  
Meah

**Last Name**  
Wilson

**Position**  
Parent Center Coordinator

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**  
Tonya

**Last Name**  
Dunphy

**Position**  
Parent/Instructional Facilitator

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**  
Matt

**Last Name**  
Coleman

**Position**  
Director of School Improvement

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Brenda

**Last Name**

Stewart

**Position**

Counselor

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Eva

**Last Name**

Nadeau

**Position**

Arkansas High School Principal/Parent

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Colester

**Last Name**

Young

**Position**

Counselor

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Audrey

**Last Name**

Wright

**Position**

Counselor

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Natasha

**Last Name**

Hampton

**Position**

TACTC Director

**Enter committee members**

**First Name**

Valorie

**Last Name**

Barnes

**Position**

Parent

**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 school has an Arkansas High School page on the [www.tasd7.net](http://www.tasd7.net) website. Parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they receive at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff. Each grade level counselor will e-mail parents to keep them informed on school activities. Counselors, teachers, and Club Sponsors have Remind set up to communicate via text messages.
- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
- School Messenger is utilized to make all calls to parents to communicate with them about upcoming events.
- The school will provide to parents progress reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.

- An Arkansas High School Facebook page is updated with information that will help parents and students stay up to date.
  - For information about the website contact Christy Coleman at 870-774-7641
  - For information about student pin numbers contact Marsha Keopple at (870)774-7641 ext.3014
  - For information about the Facebook page contact Teresa Bennett (librarian) at 870-774-7641

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**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.)**

- Parent teacher conference dates are on the school's yearly calendar. The School Messenger will also do an all call to parents to remind them of parent-teacher conferences. The School Messenger system is also used to notify parents of upcoming class meetings or changes in school calendar.
- Arkansas High held a Community Expo on Oct. 18th that included multiple community partners including healthcare, banks, military, colleges, insurance companies, and many others to showcase their businesses. Students and parents had the opportunity to attend each booth and learn about our community partners. The event was held from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- The school will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for learning:
- Open House/Meet the Teacher
- Hog Howdy (Welcome and Information meeting for 9th-grade students)
- Parent Conferences
  - Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in the student union.
- Mrs. Nadeau (principal) holds monthly "Coffee Break" meetings for parents. The meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at the following times during the day: 8:15, 12:50, and 5:30.
- Mrs. Nadeau sends out "Weekly Happenings" which is an email to staff and parents on Sunday's every week about upcoming events. If you would like to be added to this email list, please email Mrs. Nadeau at eva.nadeau@tasd7.net and request to be added.
- Several teachers, counselors, and club sponsors utilize Remind 101 which is a text message reminder about upcoming events.
- The school will send parents a letter in the first report card that explains their child's test results and standardized test scores. For more information contact Marsha Keopple (870)774-7641 ext 3014.
  - For students who did not score proficient on the state-mandated test, an Academic Improvement Plan (AIP) will be developed and signed by parents and school personnel.
- For information about events please contact the following people:
- Athletic Events - Coach Todd Ledford (870)-774-8532
- Band Concerts -Darrin McKissic - Band Director (870)774-7641 ext. 1338
- Senior Night- Audrey Wright - Senior Counselor (870)774-7641 ext 3012
- Choir Concerts- Andrea Finley- Choir Director (870)774-7641 ext.1335
- Club Events and Fundraisers-Club Sponsors and Tonya Dunphy (870)774-7641 ext. 3690
- Parent Fairs- Meah Wilson /Tonya Dunphy and Counselors (870)774-7641

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

- The school will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program. For more information contact Tonya Dunphy, Instructional Facilitator at (870)774-7641.
- The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation to parents. The school will provide parents and community members the information they need to participate as school volunteers. Information about volunteering is also in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- The school will host a special orientation program for parents and students to help with the transition from Junior High to High School. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers at the end of the school year and help plan out their child's class schedule for the next school year. For more information contact the Counseling Office at (807)774-7641.
- The school will host Hog Howdy for Freshmen students and Parents at the beginning of school year. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers and visit class rooms. Parent volunteer information will be given out to parents at the orientations. For more information Contact Tonya Dunphy (870)774-7641ext. 3690

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

- The School-Parent- Student-Compact will consist of a compact to inform students of their rights and responsibility to know and abide by the rules and regulations of the school. It is also necessary for parents to familiarize themselves with school regulations to eliminate misunderstandings and join in the effort to maintain a quality educational program. Parents will also be informed of the requirements and implementation of the Smart Core Curriculum. Parents will sign the Smart Core Informed Consent Form. Smart Core is Arkansas's college and career ready curriculum for high school students. It is the foundation for college and career readiness.

- All stakeholders will sign the compact.  
For more information contact your child's counselor at (870)774-7641  
Colester Young 10th Grade Counselor  
Audrey Wright 11th Grade Counselor  
Rogena Sheets 12th Grade Counselor

**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?**

- The school will include parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parent training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way. For more information Contact Tonya Dunphy, Instructional Facilitator and Eva Nadeau, Arkansas High Principal
- The school will ask parents to serve on curricular and instructional review committees.
- The school will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum used by the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. If requested by parents will be given the opportunities to meet and formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Grade level parent meetings will be held in the spring. For more information contact your child's counselor: (870)774-7641  
To take advantage of community resources, the school will continue to involve the Eight Sectors of the community which includes parents and community leaders to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

**6. How will your school provide resources for parents?**

- The school will provide a Parent Resource Center for parents.
- Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades and visit educational websites. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents to help their child fill out ACT packets, Financial Aide information, college and career information, and scholarship information.
- To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall purchase parenting books, magazines and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting.

The school will provide materials and information to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement. Information about Night Library and Credit Recovery will be sent to parents by the counseling staff.

The school will have Parents Fairs at Parent Teacher Conferences. Parents can visit booths and learn about the various opportunities at Arkansas High. Booths will include a TACTC booth, a curriculum and assessment booth, and clubs and organizations, as well as others. For more information contact Meah Wilson and Brenda Stewart at (870)774-7641

Included in the Parent/Student Handbook is the process for resolving parental concerns, including who to contact and how to develop solutions to problems.

The Parent Center is open from 8a.m.-4p.m. during school days.

For information about resources in the Parent Center please contact Meah Wilson at (870)7747641 ext 3887

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

- The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Parental Involvement Program. An annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents, and school staff will be used to assess the program. For more information contact Eva Nadeau - Arkansas High Principal and Tonya Dunphy -Parent Involvement Coordinator at (870)774-7641.

**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?**

- The school will ask parents to fill out Parent Interest Survey during Parent Teacher Conference.
- The school will use the results of the Parent Interest Survey to improve the program and to plan Parental Involvement 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.)**

- The school will conduct an annual Title I meeting for parents. The school will hold their annual Title I meeting separate from any other meeting or activities 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 levels students are expected to meet. The meeting will be held in August with Eva Nadeau- Arkansas High School Principal. The Title I meeting for the 2016-17 school year was held September 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Wall.
- The agenda, the sign in sheet and the minutes for the meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school office. For more information contact Eva Nadeau at (870)774-7641.

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***\*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.***