Families are encouraged to contribute comments or suggestions at any time. If you would like to volunteer or participate in the school environment please contact your teacher, school office or Family Involvement Coordinator, Karen Hudson, at 731-584-5511. Translator is available upon request. The compact was approved by the Parent Advisory Committee on May 20, 2020.

Big Sandy students joined the staff during class to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and make great accomplishments in math & reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school.

1. Introduce me to a checkbook
2. Look at a family budget / expenses together
3. Write something on Wednesdays (Letter, poem, family story, feelings etc)
4. Tell an adult something you read or are reading at school
5. Count money and make change in different amounts
6. Talk about historical event and tie it to our family history
7. Allow me to visit a college and/or technical school
8. Volunteer places to see the skills I will need to perform jobs of interest.

Encourage participation extra curricular activities such as but not limited to
- Student Council
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- BETA club
- Math Competitions in Parsons
- Geography & Spelling Bee
- Tennessee Promise
- TN Scholars
- After school tutoring
- School advertised scholarships & others

Tests students at Big Sandy High School will be scheduled to take this year as mandated by the state or local government are:
- STAR, Written Expression, Common Assessments (CAI), ACT Senior Retak, PSAT, Civics test, AimsWeb, Midterms, Fall Semester Exams, NAEP, ELL, TCAP Alternate, TNReady, TNReady End-of-Course, Dual Credit, Advance Placement, Spring Semester Exams

For a complete listing of dates, times, and more details visit website

Benton County School - Resources - Documents - Assessment Calendar
Our Goals for Student Achievement

The Board of Education set goals for the entire district.

School Goals - Our school administration and teachers have studied the student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school. Our goals align with the district goals and are as follows:

Increase Reading/Language Arts proficiency & RTI ongoing improvements
Increase Academic Achievement in Math
College and Career Ready Students
Early Learning with K-3 Effectiveness using Kindergarten Portfolios & Read to Be Ready K-3 effective literacy practices
Concentration on extended writing grades 3-12
Access Early Postsecondary Coursework

Grade level meetings are focused on aligning instruction with state standards. They also discuss data and strategies.

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Khanacode.org
Get help with what is being studied

Sis-psvue.tnk12.gov - Ask for your login
View student grades, attendance & more

www.education.com
worksheets, online games, and plans

FREE Homework Hotline 615-298-6636
www.homeworkhotline.info

ACT.org
Practice ACT questions

PBS.org
Topics in videos

Scholarships.com - You find money & colleges
Studentaid.ed.gov - grants for school & more