

Nevada Elementary School

2016-2017

Parental Involvement Plan

Parental Involvement Committee Members: Linda Sawyer, Facilitator; Kyle McAfee, Federal Coordinator; Michael Odom, Principal; Sheri Moore, Teacher; Shelly Rhodes, Parent; Christy Gourley, Parent; Stacey Cornelius Parent Center Coordinator.

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 will distribute a monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement such as homework tips, organizational skills, and study skills. (Micheal Odom, principal)

Each teacher in k-3 will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week. All teachers will use assignment books. Parents will be asked to sign the assignment books and send it back to school. (Michael Odom, principal)

The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child is academic progress. (Michael Odom, principal)

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.)

The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents. (Linda Sawyer, parent facilitator)

Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures. (Michael Odom, principal and Sandra Browning, counselor)

The school will offer parents a special workshop each year to provide an explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and other accountability measures.

(Sandra Browning, counselor)

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

Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer,

the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Arkansas Department of Education. (Michael Odom, principal)

(Staff Development) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. (Michael Odom, principal)

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

School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact. (Kyle McAfee)

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?

To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (Linda Sawyer)

The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Linda Sawyer)

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

The school will distribute Informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail.) (Kyle McAfee)

To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. (Stacy Cornelius)

Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. (Michael Odom)

The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Michael Odom)

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 Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. (Linda Sawyer)

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?

Sponsor seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities. (Michael Odom)

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 hold their annual Title I meeting separate from any other meetings 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 level students are expected to meet. (Kyle McAfee)

For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I Meeting must be conducted. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. (Kyle McAfee)

If you have questions about an action included in this plan, please contact the person listed after the action at 870-871-2475.