

East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary

Parental Involvement Plan 2016-2017

School Improvement Status: Needs Improvement

Grades Pre-k – 6th

Ashley Howard- Parent Facilitator; Christie Austin – District Parental Involvement Coordinator

Title I School - 78%

Committee Members:

Ashley Howard – Tyronza Parent Facilitator

Morgan Drace - Teacher

Christie Austin – District Parental Involvement Coordinator

Lorrie McCorkle – parent

Tina Raines – parent

Marla Brewington - parent

List various communication strategies used at East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary School to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction. (Contact person: Christie Austin – caustin@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will create a Web site http://epc.k12.ar.us/east_poinsett_county_high_school.htm to house pertinent information. Also, parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff.
2. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events.(September 15, October 18, December 1, January 5, February 9, March 13, April 27, May 24)

3. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will host a math and literacy night to inform parents of strategies that can be used at home to help their child succeed in the classroom. (Math night – November 10, 2016; Literacy night October 6, 2016)

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.) (Contact person – Ashley Howard – ahoward@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will host parent training sessions to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education. (Tuesday 3:15-5:00 in the high school , Thursday 5:00-8:00 at the library)
2. The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents.(Tuesday afternoons, Thursday evenings)
3. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary 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. (October 18 and March 13)
4. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will offer parents a special workshop each year to provide an explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and other accountability measures. (Open House August 8 and August 11, 2016)

How will East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary School provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)? (Contact Person – Christie Austin – caustin@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will 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 volunteers, 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 Department of Education.
2. (Staff Development) East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will use the State Board of Education Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding and effectiveness of parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three 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.

How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact? (Contact Person – Christie Austin – caustin@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary 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. (September 20, 2016 Title I meeting)

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? (Contact Person: Christie Austin – caustin@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will take advantage of community resources by considering recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
2. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Contact person: Ashley Howard)

How will your school provide resources for parents? (Contact Person – Ashley Howard – ahoward@epc.k12.ar.us)

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary 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, email...)
2. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will promote and support responsible parenting, as funds are available the school shall: 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.
3. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will create and maintain a parent center within the high school building.

4. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will 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.
5. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary principal will designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Ashley Howard)

How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts? (Contact Person: [Christie Austin-caustin@epc.k12.ar.us](mailto:Christie.Austin-caustin@epc.k12.ar.us))

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary 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.

How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year? (Contact person: [Christie Austin – caustin@epc.k12.ar.us](mailto:Christie.Austin-caustin@epc.k12.ar.us))

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary will 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. (SmartCore Selection-High School Open House August 11; Ms.Mary Williams, College night, September 12, 2016)
2. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary School will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at registration or at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.
3. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary School will use the results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.

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.) (Contact Person: [Christie Austin-caustin@epc.k12.ar.us](mailto:Christie.Austin-caustin@epc.k12.ar.us))

1. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary School will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program. (September 20, 2016)
2. East Poinsett County Tyronza Elementary 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.

3. 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.