

DRIVEN VIRTUAL ACADEMY

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PARENT SURVEY:

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DRIVEN VIRTUAL ACADEMY (DVA) MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN & INFORMATION PACKET 2022-2023

MISSION STATEMENT:

DRIVEN Virtual Academy is to make learning personalized for all students by targeting individual interests, providing growth opportunities, and integrating blended learning models to meet the individual needs of all students.

Parent Involvement Committee Members to meet once each semester for one hour:

Leslie Ireland - Principal
Mary Espinda - Parent Facilitator
Janetta Hayden - Team Member
Lori Lachowsky - Team Member
Shaketia Story - Team Member

1 COMMUNICATION

- Driven Virtual Academy Middle and High School will use various communication strategies to provide information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.
- School's Website (dva.pcssd.org) provides school news.
- Home Access Center (HAC) gives parents the ability to access their student's final grades using a provided username and password (TBD, HAC Facilitator).
- Schoology is utilized by all classroom teachers for students and parents to access assignments, grades, teacher contact information, and announcements. (Parents have access using a parent code.)
- Interim reports and report cards are provided to parents every nine-week grading period with information regarding their student's academic progress (Ms. Story - counselor).
- Thrillshare (a phone call) system is utilized to inform parents of upcoming events.
- School Status - online email, phone, and text system to broadcast or communicate with parents.
- Driven Virtual Academy Middle and High School's Facebook page shares highlights of current events..

#2 PARENT MEETINGS

Driven Virtual Academy Middle and High School will hold parent conferences twice during the school year to meet with parents regarding students' academic progress. Activities during the school year will be held to increase parental involvement and to build staff/ parent relations. Opportunities include: Open House, virtual grade-level orientation meetings, and virtual parent information meetings throughout the year.

#3 PARENT ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Parent Activities and Volunteer Opportunities (5.01.1.3 & 5.01.1.5) *Changes may occur throughout the year and opportunities added. (Notifications will be sent home concerning dates and times.)

ACTIVITY DATE TIME

- Meet & Greet August - Tentative - August 18, 2022 10:00 - 6:00 Maumelle High School Media Center
- Monthly Field Trip Activity TBD
- Title I Meeting September evening TBD
- Hispanic Cultural Night - September evening TBD
- Fall Festival - October evening (Adapted-TBD)
- Winter Art & Music Celebration - December TBD
- Black History Program February afternoon TBD
- Spring Family Night - March evening TBD
- End of Year Picnic - May all-day TBD
- Honors Celebrations Throughout the Year morning -TBD
- PTO or Parent Advisory Committee throughout the year evening -TBD

* Virtual options will be considered if feasible for the above activities.

#4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING

DVA will provide two seminars that provide parents with information on how to become involved in school decision-making and how a parent can assist in their child's education.

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 of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than two hours of professional development for administrators will be required 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.

#5 COLLABORATION ON PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

DVA Middle and High School will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school-wide school improvement plan. To take advantage of community resources, the school will recruit alumni from the school to serve on the alumni advisory committee to provide advice and guidance for the school. The school will also work with the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce and local churches to create a partnership that serves the needs of our students and teachers in emergency situations.

#6 PARENT CENTER

DVA Middle and High School will provide resources for parents by maintaining a Virtual Parent Center. Resources will be available via a shared link.

PCSSD maintains a PARENT tab on the school's website. The drop-down menu offers resources ..such as HAC, PCSSD Connect with Kids, Volunteer Opportunities, and Dress Code

#7 PARENT INPUT & EVALUATION

DVA Middle and High School will provide a suggestion form in the Parent Virtual Center for parental input. An End-of-Semester survey will be distributed to parents to evaluate parent communication, the programs offered for parents, and the efforts of the Parental Involvement Committee.

#8 PARENT INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION PACKET

DVA Middle and High School will provide digital informational booklets each year. These booklets include a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, a survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions for ways parents can become involved in their children's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year, information about the systems that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate, and an "At A Glance" PCSSD calendar as a PDF.

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Driven Virtual Academy Middle & High School is committed to the goal of developing strong, productive relationships between parents, students, and staff members to provide a quality academic experience for every child. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student learning as well as school activities. Students who are supported by their parents demonstrate higher levels of academic progress and social engagement in an academic setting.

DRIVEN VIRTUAL ACADEMY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO:

- Activate a Home Access Code (HAC) which provides a link between home and school. Through HAC parents may view their child's grades, attendance, and discipline record. Also through HAC, parents, and teachers can communicate via email. Ms. Pace, the guidance secretary, can help parents get set up with HAC access.
- **Read the DVAMiddle & High School Procedures Manual with your student - The school's policy handbook is placed on the school website and discussed with students at the beginning of each year. It contains the school's rules on tardiness, discipline, dress code, etc. This manual is also available electronically in Schoology under Student Information.**
- Use the school's website to stay informed - The website at dva@pcssd.org contains news, a school calendar of events, scholarship information, ACT dates, registration information, and a quick access to HAC.
- Use Schoology with your students - pcssd.schoology.com contains information about all of your child's classes, teachers, assignments, and grades. You can also use it to contact any teacher or administrator for assistance.
- Use social media to stay informed -Driven Virtual Academy has a Facebook page.
- Complete a parent volunteer survey - This survey, is available on the homepage of dva.pcssd.org as well in Schoology under your student's Information course.
- involvement coordinator knowledgeable of parental interest areas in volunteerism as well as
- provide suggestions for improvement of programs, workshops, etc.
- Attend as many parent meetings as possible - Driven Virtual Academy holds numerous parent meetings, conferences, and activities throughout the year.
- Parent Involvement Planning Meeting - TBD
- Parent Conference Days - September 27th (PM), September 29th (PM), February 7th (PM), February 9th (PM), Other Days TBD
- Attend school events - these are posted in advance on the school's calendar which is available on the website at dva.org. or in Schoology under student information course.
- Use the Parent Virtual Center -You will be able to access this via Facebook or a link under your student's information course.in Schoology.

RECOMMENDED ROLES:

Parent

- Keep clear and open lines of communication with the school
- Volunteer at school
- Become a leader in parent organizations, programs, and events
- Encourage your student to have a positive attitude about education
- Help your student makes connections between curriculum and possible careers
- Research information on community services and/or programs to benefit your child or family

Student

- Be prepared to learn
- Maintain a positive attitude toward learning
- Connect your classwork to your future
- Stay aware of your current grades
- Communicate openly with your parents and your teachers

Teacher

- Keep clear and open lines of communication with the parents and students
- Share resources to help parents help their students be successful
- Update HAC in a consistent, at least weekly, manner
- Foster student interest in curriculum content and careers
- Maintain a positive learning environment
- Remain open to community involvement in the classroom

School

- Provide platforms for student, teacher, and parent communication
- Encourage parent volunteers through training and by making opportunities known
- Maintain a positive welcoming environment for parents and the community

Driven Virtual Academy works to continually strengthen partnerships between schools and families. In order to continue to do so, we would like to collect as much information as possible regarding parental involvement opportunities within our schools.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Parental Involvement Survey so that we can determine how well the district and our schools have met your family's and children's needs. Your responses will remain confidential. The results of the survey will be summarized and used to make improvements to our parental involvement program.

[Click here to take the survey](#)