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 Gosnell Elementary School (Gosnell School District)  
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 Blytheville AR 72315  
 870-532-4003

### School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

**\*Please note: Your 20-21 plan has been populated below. Please make revisions or delete and paste your updated plan for 21-22.**

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<b>School Name:</b>	Gosnell Elementary School
<b>Facilitator Name:</b>	Ashley Bowdler
<b>Plan Review/Revision Date:</b>	5/26/2021
<b>District Level Reviewer, Title:</b>	Anita McKinney, District Curriculum Coordinator
<b>District Level Approval Date:</b>	7/28/2021

#### Committee Members, Role:

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

First Name	Last Name	Position
Tiffany	Kennemore	Principal
Tina	Godsey	Assistant Principal
Shannon	O'Neal	Assistant Principal
April	White	Parent Center Coordinator
Angel	Whitehead	Counselor
Krystal	Newsom	Counselor

#### Committee Members, Role:

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

First Name	Last Name	Position
Heidi	Moore	Parent
Allison	Hinson	Parent
Kristen	Parker	Parent/Alumni
Laura	Weiss	Teacher/Alumni/Parent
Ricky	Mask	Parent
Ashley	McGuirt	Parent

#### Committee Members, Role:

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

First Name	Last Name	Position
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Ryan	Perkins	Parent
Renita	Sprouse	Parent
Jennifer	Orton	Parent
Elizabeth	Bryce	Director of Special Services/Title I Coordinator/Alumni
Ashley	Bowdler	Parental Involvement Facilitator
Breah	Poplin	Parent

**Committee Members, Role:**

*(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)*

First Name	Last Name	Position
Ronnie	McShan	District Security Officer
Stan	Dutton	Community Member
Ashley	Stewart	Parent

**1: Jointly Developed**

*(Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs.)*

**Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- Gosnell Elementary School will involve parents/guardians in the development of its Parent and Family Engagement Plan by allowing parents/guardians to review the plan and make changes as appropriate before sent to the state. This will take place at the annual Parent and Family Engagement committee meeting held in May.
- The school will engage parents/families in the annual evaluation of the Title I program.
- Parents are randomly chosen and invited to be on the ACSIP/Title I committee. These parents (Jill Moore, Krystal Newsom, Brooke Trejo, Molly Spicer, and Jessica McBride) along with teachers and administrators meet every year to discuss the ACSIP and Title I. The plans are reviewed for implementation and effectiveness. The person responsible for this meeting is Elizabeth Bryce, who can be reached at 870-532-4047. If any parent believes the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory, the parent comments will be submitted to the district.

**2: Annual Title I Meeting**

*(Describe/List when (provide the month/year or month/day/year) the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting should not be used to ask for parent input, but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.)*

**Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- The Title I coordinator, Elizabeth Bryce (870) 532-4047, will conduct the Annual Title I meeting in May 2022.

The meeting will be held separate from any other meeting to ensure adequate time for disseminating information to parents and families. At the meeting, parents/guardians will be informed of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents'/guardians' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting will not be used to ask for parent/family input but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies (if needed) of the parent and family engagement plan. More information on Title I is shared at the annual public meeting in the fall of each school year, September 27, 2021 (tentative date).

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### **3: Communications**

*(Describe/List how the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents and how the school is going to communicate with parents including information about how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)*

#### **Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- The Gosnell Elementary School parent and family engagement plan is available to families and stakeholders on the district website under the Families tab: <https://gosnellar.sites.thrillshare.com/browse/145816>
  - The parent facilitator is Ashley Bowdler, who can be reached at (870) 532-4010.
  - The plan has been reviewed to ensure that it is written in an understandable and uniform format and provided in a language parents can understand, to the extent possible.
  - To encourage communication with parents/guardians, Gosnell Elementary School will provide a Family Information Packet—appropriate for the age and grade of each child—which describes the following:
    - o The school's parent and family engagement policy
    - o The recommended roles of the parents/guardians, students, teachers, and administration
    - o Options for the parents/guardians to become involved in the child's school and total educational program
    - o Survey regarding volunteer interests
    - o Activities planned throughout the school year to encourage parent and family engagement
    - o A system to permit parents/guardians and teachers to communicate in a regular, two way communication, meaningful manner with their child's teachers and principal
  - The Family Information Packet will be available on the school's website for parents and stakeholders to access at any time.
  - The student handbook includes a parent-friendly summary of the parent and family engagement plan and parents must sign and return to acknowledge that they received a copy.
  - A parent-friendly summary of the parent and family engagement plan is also included in the student handbook online.  
<https://gosnellar.sites.thrillshare.com/browse/145811>
  - Parent meetings are offered at different times and in various formats to address any barriers that exist. Parent/Teacher Conferences have a large window of time (3:30-6:30 p.m.) to accommodate parents' and guardians' schedules. If parents/families cannot attend during those hours, a conference may be scheduled during the teacher's conference period or other arrangements can be made.
  - School and district staff send announcements home with students, post flyers in school facilities, post information on the district and school social media pages and school website, post information on the digital marquee, include information in the local newspaper (NEA Town Courier), make announcements over the PA system at athletic events, send email announcements and information to parents and students, and send out district wide text messages and phone calls.
  - Parents, families, and community members may utilize the new Gosnell School District app (launched July 2020) as a communication resource as well.
  - The district also now has a YouTube channel, as of July 2020, in which videos have been and will continue to be posted for parents, families, and other stakeholders.
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### **4: School-Parent Compact**

*(Describe/List the process the schools will follow to jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact.)*

**Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- School, staff, and parents, and students will develop a school-parent compact. This compact will outline how parents, 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.
- The compact will address the importance of regular, two-way, meaningful communication through:
  - o Parent/teacher conferences (September 14, 2021; October 19, 2021; February 10, 2022; March 17, 2022 – 3:30-6:30 p.m. each night)
  - o Frequent reports on progress using the following: Home Access Center (HAC) and Teacher Access Center (TAC); report cards every 9 weeks; progress reports will be sent home to parents/guardians every 4 to 4.5 weeks throughout the school year
  - o Reasonable access to staff through the use of the following: email, social media outlets, websites, phone, in-person meetings; text; any means necessary to meet the needs of the individual students and their families
  - o Opportunities to volunteer will be shared when necessary in the following ways: district website, school Facebook page, parent and family engagement committee meetings, and by district text, email, and phone call when necessary
  - o Observation of classroom activities are also available by contacting the school principal, Tiffany Kennemore (870) 532-4003.
- Additionally, the teachers and staff will compile a list of information regarding parents/families interested in volunteering at Gosnell Elementary School. The volunteer survey will be shared in the Family Information Packet and on the district website, and it will be noted that parents can be involved in a variety of roles. The list of volunteers will be kept by District Parent Coordinator, April White (870) 532-4055.

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**5: Reservation of Funds**

*(If the district receives more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation, then it must reserve 1 percent for parent and family engagement activities. A minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to high-need schools. If the school is allocated a percentage of the 1 percent, describe/list how the school will share with parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used.)*

**Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- Gosnell Elementary School does not receive more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation. The Title I Coordinator is Elizabeth Bryce (870) 532-4047.

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**6: Coordination of Services**

*(Describe/List how the district and/or school will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families.)*

**Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- Through a partnership with ABC (Arkansas Better Chance), which is run by the co-op, Gosnell Elementary houses three Pre-K classrooms, which accepts three and four year olds. The Pre-K has parent and family engagement activities each month, and all parents are invited to attend. The Pre-K parents and guardians are also invited to conference with the Pre-K teachers on the district-scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference nights in October and March. The Pre-K has an Open House on August 12, 2021, which is coordinated to be the same night

as the district-wide Open House for the elementary and secondary schools. In the spring, we coordinate with ABC and give the Pre-K classes a tour of the kindergarten and elementary buildings. The students meet all the Kindergarten teachers, special class teachers (Art, Music, PE, Library, etc.), and the principals. A meeting is held with the Pre-K parents to discuss the transition from Preschool to Kindergarten. The parents are given Kindergarten readiness information so they can work with their child at home. The Pre-K classes are invited to elementary school programs. The Pre-K families are invited to all elementary school Parent and Family Engagement activities, such as the Spring Parent and Family Engagement Meeting, Art Shows, Book Fairs, Music Programs, Open House, and Parent Teacher Conferences.

- Gosnell Elementary School promotes and supports responsible parenting using the parenting information that is available to all parents through the district's Parent Center. The Parent Center is located in the Gosnell Elementary School K-2 Building, Room 6. This is located across from the District's Administration office.
- Gosnell Elementary School has guest speakers from the community from time to time to talk about careers and other various applicable topics.
- Gosnell Elementary School considers recruiting alumni to create an alumni advisory commission and enables the formation of a PTA/PTO.
- Gosnell Elementary School collaborates with the fire and police departments to promote safety in and outside of the home and promote careers in public service.
- Gosnell Elementary School works with local counseling agencies to provide necessary supports to students regularly and also to provide extra supports in the event of a disaster such as student death or loss of a family member.
- Gosnell Elementary School will ensure the plan is comprehensive and coordinated in nature by including various members of the community in the annual parent meeting in the spring.
- Gosnell Elementary School will incorporate this plan into the school's improvement plan.

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## **7: Building Capacity of Parents**

*(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success.)*

### **Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- Gosnell Elementary School will schedule regular parent and family engagement meetings.
- Gosnell Elementary School will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the annual Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dates for this year's parent/teacher conferences are September 22, 2020; October 22, 2020; February 16, 2021; and March 30, 2021. Times are 3:30-6:30 p.m. on each date.
- Gosnell Elementary School will provide parents with individual student academic assessment results and interpretation of those results at the beginning of each school year.
- Gosnell Elementary School will provide parents with a description and explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels of the challenging state academic standards at the annual public meeting.
- Gosnell Elementary School will provide assistance and instruction to parents of children served by the school in understanding these topics:
  - o Arkansas Academic Standards
  - o State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - o Title I, Part A requirements
  - o Strategies parents can use to support their child's academic progress
  - o Partnering with teachers to support their child's academic achievements
  - o Incorporating developmentally appropriate learning activities
  - o Use of ADE website and tools for parents (<http://www.arkansased.gov>)
  - o Assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation
  - o Including role play and demonstration by trained volunteers
- At ongoing parent/teacher conferences and the Parent Center, Gosnell Elementary School will provide materials

and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate to foster parent and family engagement.

- The Parent Center at Gosnell Elementary School will share information that promotes and supports responsible parenting. April White, District Parent Coordinator, is responsible for maintaining the parent resource center and its resources.
  - Instructional facilitators are available to work with students and families to promote students' academic success.
  - Gosnell Elementary School sends home information in a language and format that families can understand, to the extent possible.
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### **8: Building Capacity of School Staff**

*(Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, online resources, and Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Describe/List methods of parents' assistance for building staff capacity. Describe/List actions the school will take to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities.)*

#### **Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?**

- Mrs. Tiffany Kennemore, principal, will ensure professional development requirements are met for teachers and administrators.
  - Gosnell Elementary School will partner with Gosnell High School to train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents:
    - o That parents play an integral role in assisting student learning
    - o In the value and utility of contributions of parents
    - o In how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners
    - o To implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school
    - o To welcome parents into the school and seek parental support and assistance
    - o To provide information in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand
    - o To respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities
    - o To recognize that a parent is a full partner by including in the school handbook the school's process for resolving parent concerns
  - Teachers and staff are encouraged to contact April White, District Parent Coordinator, to utilize volunteers based on the interest and availability of volunteers.
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### **9: Building Capacity - Discretionary**

*(The school parent and family engagement policy/plan may include additional sections describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build capacity.)*

#### **Did the School and Parents choose to include any Discretionary (Optional) Components in the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan?**

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(Find complete guidance on the [DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements](#) webpage.)

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Attention: Changes Needed!

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**Comments:**