

# SYLVAN HILLS JR. HIGH SCHOOL

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## PARENT SURVEY:

[CLICK HERE](#)  
for the yearly  
parent survey.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

Sylvan Hills Junior High School provides all students opportunities for equitable learning with real-world application, establishes and maintains an environment conducive to learning, and creates life-long learners.

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

Sabrina Harris, Parent Involvement Coordinator  
Yvone West, Principal  
Michelle Camp, Assistant Principal  
Hunter Plante, Teacher  
LaQuinta Washington, Parent  
Temeca Wiggins, Parent

# # 1 COMMUNICATION

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Sylvan Hills Jr. High School will use various communication strategies to provide information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

- School's Website ([shjhs.pcssd.org](http://shjhs.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 (Ms. Pace, HAC Facilitator).
- Schoology - utilized by all classroom teachers for students and parents to access assignments, grades, and teacher contact information, and announcements. (Parents have access using a parent code.)
- Interim reports and report cards are provided to parents every nine weeks grading period with information regarding their student's academic progress (Ms. Monica Williams - 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.
- Sylvan Hills High School Facebook page.

## #2 PARENT MEETINGS

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Sylvan Hills Junior 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. Possibilities include:

- Donuts with Dad
- Muffins with Mom
- Career day

## #3 VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

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Sylvan Hills Junior High School has a parent information packet that includes information about volunteer opportunities. A survey has been given to the parents regarding volunteering at the school and posted on the school's website. Data collected will be used to provide a list of volunteer opportunities which will be encouraged through the email listserve and periodic school-wide phone call-outs. Volunteer opportunities already in existence include:

- Bears Foundation
- Athletic Boosters
- Band Boosters
- Sylvan Hills Alumni Association
- Equity Monitoring Team
- Career & Technical Ed (CTE) Advisory group
- School-Wide Improvement Plan Committee
- PBIS Committee

## #4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ TRAINING

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SHJHS 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's 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

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Sylvan Hills Junior 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

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Sylvan Hills Junior High School will provide resources for parents by maintaining a Parent Center in the library learning center. The resource center is open at hours convenient to parents and in a location easily accessible to parents.

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

## #7 PARENT INPUT & EVALUATION

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Sylvan Hills Junior High School will provide suggestion sheets in the Parent Center for parental input. An End-of- Year survey will be distributed to parents to evaluate the parent communication, the programs offered for parents, and the efforts of the Parental Involvement Committee.

## #8 PARENT INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION PACKET

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SHJHS 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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Sylvan Hills Junior 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.

# SYLVAN HILLS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ENCOURAGES PARENTS TO:

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**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 SHJHS 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 at [shjhs.pcssd.org](http://shjhs.pcssd.org) under Student Information.

**Use the school's website to stay informed** – The website at [shjhs.pcssd.org](http://shjhs.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](http://pcssd.schoology.com) contains information about all of your child's classes, teachers, assignments, and grades. You can also use it to contact any teachers or administrators for assistance.

**Use social media to stay informed** – Sylvan Hills High School has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Additionally, SHBEARSATHLETICS is the life of the athletes in photos.

**Complete a parent volunteer survey** – This survey, which is available on the homepage of [shjhs.pcssd.org](http://shjhs.pcssd.org) as well as on the counter of the main office of SHHS, will make the parent 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** – Sylvan Hills Junior High School holds numerous parent meetings, conferences, and activities throughout the year.

- Parent Involvement Planning Meeting - TBD
- Parent Conference Days – September 15th (PM), September 22nd (PM), February 9th (PM), February 16th (PM)

**Attend school events** – these are posted in advance on the school's calendar which is available on the website at [shjhs.pcssd.org](http://shjhs.pcssd.org). and updated regularly.

- Homecoming Pep Rally and Presentation of Royalty
- Choir concerts
- Band Concerts
- Fall Play
- Spring Musical
- Sporting Events

**Use the parent center** – This special area of the library learning center is for the use of parents, grandparents, and other caregivers. The center is open from 8:30-3:30. It contains reference materials as well as computer access for checking HAC or doing online research.

# RECOMMENDED ROLES:

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



## Parent Involvement Survey

Sylvan Hills High School 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.](#)**