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 Kensett Elementary School (Riverview School District)  
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 Kensett AR 72082  
 501-742-3221

### 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>	Riverview-Kensett Elementary
<b>Facilitator Name:</b>	Estellia Smith
<b>Plan Review/Revision Date:</b>	7/29/2021
<b>District Level Reviewer, Title:</b>	Susan Blockburger
<b>District Level Approval Date:</b>	

#### Committee Members, Role:

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

First Name	Last Name	Position
Estellia	Smith	Counselor/Facilitator
Christy	Bremer	Principal
John	Pollard	Chief of Police
Heather	Lee	Teacher/Parent
Brittany	Allen	Parent
Cierra	Rycraw	Parent

#### Committee Members, Role:

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

First Name	Last Name	Position
Shamini	Stewart	ESL
Tonya	Bell	PTO

#### **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?**

- Kensett Elementary will establish a committee containing teachers, staff, and community members along with parents and family members to jointly develop a written parent and family engagement plan.
- This committee will meet annually to review, update, and improve the school parent and family engagement plan. Meetings may be scheduled at any time to address concerns of parents. The committees is here to help meet the needs of parents and the school.
- Parent concerns and comments will be submitted to the district if there is something that needs to be addressed.
- The plan will be distributed to the Parents and available on the school website.
- The Plan will take into consideration that this year we are in the middle of a Pandemic. Things will need to be monitored and adjusted as needed to stay within the regulations that have been set.
- **Questions and concerns may be addressed to Estellia Smith, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator/Counselor 501-742-3221 Ext. 3003**

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**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?**

- Kensett Elementary will hold an annual Title I meeting in September of each year (Christy Bremer, Principal). The school will hold this meeting separate from any other meeting. All parents will be invited to attend this meeting. There will be a meeting agenda, sign-in sheet and the minutes generated from this meeting.
- The purpose of the meeting will be to disseminate information concerning Title I
- Explain what participation in Title I programs means, including:
  - A description and explanation of the school's curriculum,
  - Information on the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and Information on the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Explain the district parent and family engagement plan and school-parent compact
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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?**

Kensett Elementary will do everything possible to communicate with parents on a regular basis. We will use a variety of methods to complete this task. We have listed below methods that will be used. Information will be provided in various languages in an effort to reach all of our student/parents. The Engagement policy will be included in the student registration packets at the beginning of the year. Technology will be relied on heavily this year due to the Pandemic.

- Monthly School Calendar
- Each teacher will send home weekly folders that contain grades class work, homework, behavior reports, etc. Teachers will also use School Status ClassDojo to communicate with parents.
- Teachers will routinely contact parents to communicate their child's progress. Teachers will use ClassDojo, phone calls and/or letters home to communicate.
- The school will provide progress reports each 4th nine weeks of the 9-week period. Each 9 week report Card will be sent home
- A Home school connection newsletter will be going home monthly.
- Student handbook, school website, school social media outlets, and local newspaper will be used as communication tools.
- The school will provide a newsletter explaining the school's involvement with the states reading initiative. Raiders Reader Club, and how the parents can be involved in supporting goals of this initiative. It will be distributed at parent/teacher conferences.
- The school will send parents a parent-friendly letter in the first report card that explains their child Map Growth test results and ACT Aspire test scores.
- Family Nights and Assemblies (during the day) will also be used to disseminate information to parents.

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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?**

- Each Title I school shall jointly develop with parents of all children served under Title I a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved 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 standards. The school-parent compact shall include the following requirements: revision and distribution dates, jointly developed, parent input, district and school goals, outline of school, parent, and student responsibilities for improved academic achievement, activities to build partnerships, communicate student progress, and shall be written in a family-friendly language.
- At the beginning of each year, Kensett Elementary will send a Compact home in each registration packet. The Parents are asked to read and sign and return this to our school. This communication informs parents of the expectations for the school year.
- Parents are able to communicate with school in various ways. Parent Teacher Conferences, Dojos, Phone calls, etc.
- Parents will be asked to complete Surveys. The information will be compiled into to a list for future activities.
- Family Nights will be used to help parents with academic standards.
- Parents will attend 2 Parent Teacher Conferences , Progress reports will be sent home 3 times per year,

Parents may set up conference as needed by contacting the school to set up a time for conferences.

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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?**

- The parents will be informed if the districts received more than 500,000 in title I allocations. If this is the case 1 percent will be used for Family engagement activities
  - The community will have an opportunity to voice their opinions of what should be done with funds for family enrichment activities.
  - It is very important that the community is involved with the decision making process.
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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?**

- The School will allow the community to support instructional programs through Bison Buddies and the reading program through Harding University.
- School will host orientation for parents and students to help with the transition between elementary and Jr. High
- The school works with ARCare to provide a reading assistance to our students.
- We have community leaders and Alumni to volunteer and read with our students.
- We also offer an Before and After School Program that is used as enrichment for all of our students.

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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?**

- Parent Survey will be sent home with an annual evaluation. While collecting the evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school efforts to increase parental involvement, this will be a part of the evaluation for caregivers to complete, the survey will also collect Information on 1) Growth in the number of parents participating
  - 2) specific needs of parents
  - 3) effectiveness of specific strategies
  - 4) engagement of parents in activities to support students.
- A Parent Center has been set up in the counselors office. Materials such as parenting books and pamphlets about services available in the community and school are available .The school will provide assistance to the Parents served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding state standards, assessments, literacy train, technology training, etc.
- A Parental Involvement plan is available on the schools website. Newsletters and information pages are sent throughout the school suggesting ways a parent can help.
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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?**

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. We at Kensett Elementary value our parents input. We are equal partners in the process of educating our parents. We will implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school. Kensett Elementary will provide information in a format that is practical and in a language the parents can understand. We will respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities. Kensett Elementary will include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns.

Kensett Elementary will require the following professional development hours according to the the regulations of the Arkansas Board of Education. Teachers and Administrators will have a minimum of 2 hours to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

Surveys will be given to compile a volunteer resource book listing the interest and availability of volunteer, so that staff may use in various ways such as matching the need with the interest.

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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?**

- The staff of Kensett Elementary will meet several times throughout the year for trainings. This is in addition to the trainings that the staff has attended prior to school starting.
- Staff will continue the thought process throughout the year and will attend trainings in specific areas pertaining to the content area.
- Meetings and trainings will be provided at various times throughout the day in an effort to meet the need of our parents.
- Kensett Elementary will continue to incorporate the community in family engagement activities.
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(Find complete guidance on the [DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements](#) webpage.)

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**District Feedback**

- Attention: Changes Needed!
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**Comments:**