

Smackover Elementary School Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022

Jointly Developed

The Smackover Elementary School believes in the power of parental and family engagement. Involving parents and family members in the development, review, update, and improvement annually of the Family Engagement Plan is only one way that the school believes parents and family members can help. Smackover Elementary School accomplishes this task by:

- The creation of a Smackover Elementary School Family Engagement committee consisting of the school counselor, principal, one classroom teacher, and two parents.
- Smackover Elementary School's Family Engagement committee will meet once in the fall and once in the spring to review, update and make revisions to the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- The school will also provide the appropriate district staff with any parent comments regarding the schools Title I Schoolwide Plan and any requested opportunities for regular meetings requested by parents of the school.

Annual Title I Meeting

Smackover Elementary School will hold our annual Title I meeting during the first semester of school (date to be determined). This meeting will inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation. This meeting will also inform parents of their rights under Title I.

Communication

1. Smackover Elementary School prepares an information packet which is made available to parents and family members each school year. This packet includes:

- SES Student Handbook which contains rules and regulations that govern student activities. This is provided in a language the parent can understand. It is available on the school website (www.smackover.net) or parents may request a paper copy.
- SES Family Engagement Plan. The recommended role of the parent, student, teacher, and school. A parent-friendly summary of the Parent and Family Engagement plan will be placed online and included in our Student Handbook. Signatures will be obtained from each parent acknowledging the receipt of the plan summary.
- Ways for parents to become involved in his/her child's education.
- Activities are planned to encourage family engagement.
- A system to allow parents and teachers to communicate in a regular, two-way, and meaningful way.
- Meetings and activities will be offered at various times so it will be easy for parents to attend.

- Curriculum Maps detailing what is taught at each grade level each month are on the district website.
- A district calendar is provided to parents.

2. Activities to promote communication include:

- Smackover School District Annual Report to the Public
- Open House
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - two per year
- Breakfast with Parents - once a year during the morning
- Breakfast with Grandparents - once a year during the morning
- Family Bingo Night - held during the evening hours
- Parent Teacher Organization meetings held monthly during the evening
- School newsletters, notes, and monthly calendars are sent home with students. (Sent home in Spanish for Spanish speaking students)
- "Alert Now" phone calls on important events.
- Smackover School website (www.smackover.net)
- HAC (Home Access Center) for parents to use to check their child's grades online (Link on the school website)
- "Buckaroo Blog" on Smackover School website or <http://thebuckaroblog.wordpress.com/>
- Smackover Elementary School Facebook page

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School Parent Compact

During the Fall and Spring, a Family Engagement committee meeting will be held to jointly develop and/or review the School-Parent Compact. Any changes that need to be made will be made for the next school year.

The School-Compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. It addresses the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:

- Parent Teacher Conferences - two per year;
- Frequent reporting to parents about their child's progress;
- Allowing parents reasonable access to their child's teacher: phone calls, email, class dojo, Remind 101, conferences

- Opportunities to volunteer at school
- Opportunities to observe classroom activities, when appropriate.

Smackover Elementary School hopes to build and develop a strong partnership with parents to help children achieve the challenging State Academic Standards. The administration encourages staff to use volunteers in their classroom and a volunteer resource guide, made from parent volunteer surveys, is available for teachers.

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Coordination of Services

Smackover Elementary School coordinates with a number of community partners, businesses, and organizations that enable the school to support both its students and their parents in achieving academic success. Coordinating with these partners and organizations promote responsible parenting and strengthen school programs, practices and learning. What is incorporated into the School Parental Engagement Plan is also included in the SIP (School Improvement Plan) to ensure that everything is comprehensive, cohesive, and coordinated.

Smackover Elementary School works with:

- School Linked Health Care to provide medical, dental and mental health services for our students.
- South Arkansas Regional Health to provide mental health services for our students.
- CASA provides prevention education for our students.
- Share Foundation to provide CHAMPS eXtreme training for our students.
- Area churches provide a 'Snack Backpack' program for students in need.
- Lockheed Martin to provide funding for Stem curriculum.
- Eldorado Service League to provide school supplies for students and staff.
- Lanexx provides funding for the Stem curriculum and provides Earth day activities for fourth grade students.
- Business leaders and community partners will provide career education to grades K-4.

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Building Capacity of Parents

Smackover Elementary School will help parents in knowing what their student will be learning, how their child will be assessed, and how the parents can help make a difference in their child's education. The curriculum will be accessible and staff available to explain anything that a parent needs an explanation about. The school will help parents understand topics such as:

1. State Academic Standards

2. State and local assessments
3. Title I, Part A and its requirements
4. How to monitor their child's progress
5. Ways that parents can work with and/or contact their child's teacher to improve their child's academics

The school recognizes that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning so they will offer training to parents if it is needed on literacy, the use of technology (such as HAC), and how to use the Parent Center to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities they can use at home.

To help meet the capacity of parents Smackover Elementary School will:

- Hold Parent-Teacher Conferences -two per year
- House Parent resource books in the Smackover Elementary School library.
- Hold an Open House
- Inform parents of the Buckaroo Blog
- Inform parents of the Smackover Elementary School Facebook page
- Inform parents of the Smackover-Norphlet District website (www.smackover.net)
- Send notices of upcoming Parent-Teacher Organization meetings (monthly)
- Send home Classroom newsletters
- Send home information on how to access the HAC (Home Access Center)
- Have a School Wide family engagement event per year
- Present Music programs with PTO update and report
- Updates, reminders, and notices of additional activities are sent home monthly on a school calendar

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Building Capacity of School Staff

Smackover Elementary School has parental engagement as a goal on their Indistar plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers have received training on the importance of parents in the academic achievement and success of their child. The SES administration instructs teachers to make regular and meaningful connections with their parents throughout the school year and when they communicate to do so in a format that is understandable to the parent, including, but not limited to, other languages. Smackover-Norphlet School District personnel help support the Smackover Elementary School in our efforts to provide what is needed to our school.

- Central Office administration ensures that all licensed staff complete requirements for professional development.
- Teachers have been trained in 'Trauma Informed' methods
- Select teachers, administrator, and the counselor have been CPI certified
- All licensed staff have received training on "Essentials of Behavior" and how to implement behavior plans.
- Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) and Targeted Behavior Intervention Plans (TBIP) are developed through a collaborative committee including mental health counselor, school counselor, principal, and select staff to help support staff and students when need arises.