

# **OUACHITA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## ***ACORN HIGH SCHOOL***

# **PARENT INVOLVEMENT** **PLAN**

## **2016/2017**

### **DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Ouachita River School District exists to provide a safe, caring environment where everyone learns and grows.*

### **DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT:**

*Ouachita River School District's vision is for each person in our system to find their purpose and use that purpose to impact the world.*

District: Ouachita River School District

School: Acorn High School

School Year: 2016-2017

Parent Involvement Coordinator: Colby Singleton

Committee Members:

Eric Goss, Community Member

Mary Kay Pearce, Community Member

Brenda Jones, Parent

Channa Lay, Parent

Duane Powell, Parent

Kim Goss, Parent

Samantha Strother, Parent

Judy Newcomb, Literacy Coach

Davelynn Lane, Parent/Math Coach

Leo Mabry, Literacy Coach

Margo Kimp, Grandparent/Alumni Advisor

Linda Heath, Elementary Parent Coordinator

Colby Singleton, Coordinator

Shannon Lyle, Principal

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Acorn High School recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire time the child spends in school. To support the goal of the school to educate all students effectively, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

Acorn High School's Parent Involvement Plan shall include programs and practices that enhance parental involvement and reflect the specific needs of all students and their families.

Acorn High School acknowledges that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. To help parents, students and schools team and partner together to best assure the academic successes of the students, "Parental Involvement Meetings" will be scheduled. All meetings, including Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences, will be advertised in the local newspapers and on the local radio station to welcome parents and/or guardians.

Parent/teachers conferences for the 2016-2017 school year will be October 20<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. Other planned meetings are as follows: August 11<sup>th</sup>, Smart Core Meeting, Public Meeting, Title I Public Meeting and Open House, October 13<sup>th</sup>, District ACSIP Meetings, October 24-28<sup>th</sup> Red Ribbon Week, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Parent Involvement Plan Review, Professional Development Plan Review, and ACSIP Peer Review, and May 9<sup>th</sup> Title I Planning Meeting and Closing the Achievement Gap Meeting. In January a seminar will be held to inform parents of high school students how to be involved in career planning and preparation for post-secondary opportunities.

Ouachita River School District shall provide no less than two (2) hours of professional development opportunities for teachers every four (4) years, which may be included in the minimum number of hours required, designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

Ouachita River School District shall provide no fewer than three (3) hours of professional development opportunities for administrators every four (4) years, in addition to the minimum number of hours of professional development required, designed 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.

A parent volunteer survey shall be sent home and a volunteer resource book, listing the interest and availability of volunteers, will be made available for school staff members' use.

Ouachita River School District/Acorn High School, parents and community shall annually review and update the Parent Involvement Plan. The revised and/or updated Parent Involvement Plan will be posted on the website of Ouachita River School District (<http://www.ouachitariversd.org>).

An alumni advisory board has been created to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

Acorn High School and Ouachita River School District shall designate at least one (1) certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parental involvement in the school and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the district. Colby Singleton will be the contact person for Acorn High School and can be reached at 479-394-5544.

To support responsible parenting, the principal will designate an area to be used as the Parent Center. Parenting books, magazines, educational information, and other useful materials will be provided. The location of the Parent Resource Center will be announced annually at the Public Meeting.

Informational packets will be developed, printed and distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year. The packets will provide parents with a student handbook, schedule of all events, how they may obtain information about the status and progress of their children, volunteer work, and how they may become involved in the education process of their children.

The process for parents to follow to resolve concerns will be placed in the Student/Parent Handbook, distributed to all parents, and made available in the school office.

Ouachita River School District, Acorn High School, parents and community will develop a parental involvement plan addressing the needs of the students and their parents. The plan will be reviewed and updated annually.

To encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect his or her child and family, Acorn High School shall sponsor seminars to inform parents how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for post-secondary opportunities. Other activities that Acorn High School determines will encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect his or her child and family will also be offered.

To welcome parents into the school and to seek parental support and assistance, the school or district shall not have any school policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting the school.

For questions contact:

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