

2023-2024 Family and Community Engagement Plan

Ahlf Jr. High School
308 W. Vine Ave.
Searcy, AR 72143

Building Facilitator: Cristy Farley
Plan Review/ Revision Date:
District Level Reviewer: Christine Harrell
District Level Approval Date:

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan:

The Ahlf Jr. High School Parent and Family Engagement Plan is a comprehensive map of how families can actively engage in their child's education. This living document will be reviewed and updated annually based on data collected from families and stakeholders. The Ahlf Jr. High School Family and Community Engagement Plan was jointly developed and approved by the Family and Community Engagement Committee.

Family and Community Engagement Committee

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Tricia Kauffman: PTO President

Justin Lawson: Community Partner

Purpose of the Parent and Family Engagement Committee:

The goal of the Parent and Family Engagement is to review the Ahlf Jr. High School Parent and Family Engagement Plan and its implementation.

Parents have an opportunity to provide feedback on the parent and family engagement plan through surveys or opportunities to attend onsite or offsite meetings.

- The school parent facilitator will review the family and community engagement plan with parents at the spring PTO meeting and will ask parents for feedback and suggestions. The parent facilitator will continue to facilitate the discussions about parent engagement at PTO meetings throughout the year.

- The school will involve parents on the family and community engagement plan committee. To support this process, the school will offer both staff and parent training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way.
- The parent and family engagement plan will be made available to families and the local community by posting it on our school website. The school website is available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.
- Parents will share with the building principal if they have requests for opportunities to have additional meetings.

Communication between school staff, families, and various stakeholders:

- A phone call to the main office: (501) 268-3158
- Email to teachers or other staff members (email addresses can be found on the school website)
- Responses to calls, texts, and emails via the School Status app
- Messages through Schoology
- Posts on the district or school website (searcyschools.org) and social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter

Meetings between school staff, families, and various stakeholders:

- Student Success Planning conferences will take place on campus August 28 - September 1, 2023. All student families will be contacted and appointments arranged during the week to review student performance and plan for future academic and social success.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: Parents and guardians will meet once each semester at an official Parent-Teacher conference scheduled by the Searcy School District. The dates for this school year are Tuesday, October 17, 2023 and Thursday, February 15, 2024. Teachers will be available from 3:40 pm - 7:30 pm in the AJHS cafeteria to discuss students' progress in class.
- Parents and guardians may request a conference at any time by contacting the teacher through email or a phone call made to the main office.

Opportunities to Volunteer and Participate in School Activities:

Parents and guardians are encouraged to participate in events occurring with students at Ahlf Jr. High School. Events may include but not be limited to the following:

- Open House
- Student Success Planning
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Book Fair
- Field Trips
- Guest speakers from the community
- Advising and scheduling opportunities for the following school year
- PTO meetings
- Working in a concession stand during ball games

Opportunities for families to participate in school activities will be communicated through email, phone calls, website, and social media postings.

Opportunity for Community Involvement:

- The school will reach out to local businesses and organizations to collaborate on school activities.
- Community members we are currently partnered with are
 - First Security Bank
 - Centennial Bank
 - First Community Bank
 - Simmons Bank
 - Unity Health
 - Ridout
 - Harding University
 - Downtown Church of Christ
- Current partnerships include:
 - Downtown Church of Christ has entered into an informal agreement with Ahlf Junior High School to “adopt” the students and staff. This arrangement will include volunteering at the school to help during events and tasks during the school day. Communication with the stakeholders will be regular through emails, phone calls, and meetings. Downtown Church of Christ has developed a ministry committee dedicated to this ministry.