

**Mountain View School District
Mountain View Middle School
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Mountain View Middle School Parental Involvement Plan 2018-2019

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Mountain View Middle School is Schoolwide Title I with 67% of students receiving free or reduced lunch.

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

- The school's reading teachers and parent volunteers will create a pamphlet explaining the school's involvement with the state's reading initiative and how the parents can be involved in supporting the goals of this initiative. It will be distributed at parent orientation night and other public meetings.
- The school will create a Web site to house classroom Web sites for each teacher. Homework assignments and pertinent classroom information will be available on the Web sites.
- Parents may visit the Home Access Center, a secure site for viewing a student's grades online using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year.
- Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff.
- Alert Now- Blackboard Phone notification system is used to contact parents about upcoming events, notices, and reminders.

- An online Event Calendar is available on the school Web site with upcoming events, meetings, school pictures, testing schedules, and student activities.
- Teachers routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
- The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every interim and the end of each grading quarter with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events.
- The school will give parents a parent-friendly letter at the beginning of the year that explains their child's test results and standardized test scores from the previous school year.
- The school will send brochures home with students, post notices in school facilities and public buildings, and provide information for local newspaper (Stone County Leader) and radio station (Arkansas 103.3 KWOZ) about parent workshops and meetings.
- The school will use the student handbook, school Web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings about the Schoolwide Title I Plan and how to get a copy upon request.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

- Open House (Parent Orientation) will be held the Thursday before school starts. Students and parents transitioning from 4th grade (elementary) to 5th grade (middle school) will have a special orientation in the last quarter of the school year.
- Two Parent-Teacher conferences will be held during the school year. (October 18, 2018 and March 14, 2019) Parents will be given a summary of their child's progress as well as interventions teachers are using to assist the child. Parent will also be given suggestions along with giving input for coordinating school-parent efforts. Explanations will be given of homework expectations and grading procedures.
- These meetings will include a parent training sessions in the Parent Resource Center (PIE Room) to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education.
- Meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents.
- Outside speakers will provide parents with more information concerning ways to make their child's academic life more successful.
 - Arkansas Attorney General's Office- Keys to Safety

- Arkansas Farm Bureau Safety Programs
- The school will hold an orientation for parents at each grade level parent night to inform them about the school's participation in the Title I program and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revising of the School's Title I Plan.
- The school will provide training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the Home Access Center system in order to have real time access to their child's attendance, progress, and grades.
- The school will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:
 - Mountain View Parent Resource Center (PIE Center)
 - Grade Level Parent Nights
 - EZ School Pay- Student Cafeteria Information Page including Student Balance, Deposits and Meals
 - Library Volunteer
 - Tutor
 - Special parent lunches
 - Book fair helpers
 - Awards day presentation
 - Field day volunteers
 - Parent education workshops
 - Orientation presentations
 - Open House
 - Red Ribbon Rally Presentation
 - Band and Choir concerts
 - Veteran's Day Assembly
 - Music Roots Program- Working with the Ozark Folk Center and local musicians, students are offered free lessons in guitar, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, and banjo.
 - Music Roots Concerts
 - Jr. Beta induction for students and parents.

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

- The school will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as Music Roots, MVMS library volunteers, and tutoring.

- The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful.
- The school will work with Mountain View Elementary School and Mountain View High School to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities. The school will host special orientation programs for parents and students to help with the transition. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers at the end of the school year.
- The school will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education.
- The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers and administrators in 2014-2015, and then every 4th year, designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Student-Compact?

- School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving 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 academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

- The school will evaluate the activities that were recommended by parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation.
- The school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way.
- The school will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement.
- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.
- Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs, such as the Head Start Program, Reading First Program, Early Reading First Program, Even Start Program, Parents as Teachers Program and, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, and state-run pre-school programs.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. Parents will be encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center or media center. The school will open the Parent Resource Center (PIE Center) on school days Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m.-4:00p.m. Parents needing an alternate time may contact the school at 870 269-4335.
- The school will distribute Informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...).

- To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- Maintain the Parent Resource Center (PIE Center).
- Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.
- The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

- The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

- The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at registration or at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.
- The school will use the results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.
- The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation.

- Sponsor seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program.

- The school will hold their annual Title I meeting separate from any other meetings or activities to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet.
- For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I Meeting must be conducted. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately