**PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

**PIGGOTT HIGH SCHOOL**

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**School Year 2016-2017**

**District: Piggott**

**School Improvement Status: Needs Improvement**

**Grade Levels: 7th - 12th**

**Parent Involvement Coordinator: Diana Vanderkooi**

**Parent Involvement Committee Members:**

**Jerri Tate, Teacher, Parent Involvement Facilitator**

**Diana Vanderkooi, Parent Involvement Coordinator**

**Sherry Taylor, Federal Programs Coordinator**

**Paula Benbrook, Parent**

**Amber Risner, Parent**

**Liz Henfling, Parent**

**Debbie Mills, Grandparent**

**Maggie Chavez, Parent**

**Priscilla Seal, Parent**

**Lisa Conley, Parent**

**Mindy McGinnis, Parent**

**Goal 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 will create a web site to house classroom web sites for each teacher. Homework assignments and pertinent classroom information will be available on classroom web sites. Also, parents can access their child's grades 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.
* The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events.

**Goal 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 two state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

* Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms on October 18th & 20th and March 14th & 16th. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures.

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

* STATE REQUIREMENT – 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.
* STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development) 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 designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators 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.

**Goal 4**. **How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-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.
* Parent volunteers will be asked to serve on ACSIP committee and to continue to develop and implement the Parental Involvement Plan.

**Goal 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 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.
* STATE REQUIEMENT – 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.
* STATE REQUIREMENT - The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.

**Goal 6**. **How will your school provide resources for parents?**

* STATE REQUIREMENT - The school will distributed 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…).
* STATE REQUIREMENT - 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.
* Parent center is available for all parents.
* STATE REQUIREMENT – 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.
* STATE REQUIREMENT – The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

**Goal 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 parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The parental involvement 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 following:
  + Growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings.
  + Specific needs of parents.
  + Effectiveness of specific strategies.
  + Engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

**Goal 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?**

* STATE REQUIREMENT – 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 post-secondary opportunities.

**Goal 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.)**

* High School is not a Title I School.