

Arkansas Indistar
School Engagement Plan

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Please read over the form closely, being sure to address all guiding questions. Note the Assurances section allows you to confirm practices that are required but do not need further elaboration within the written portion of your plan. In the response fields, you may include links to additional information that can help support your story as you answer the guiding questions.

1: Jointly Developed Expectations and Objectives

Describe how the School works with parents and families to develop and review relevant plans, policies, and strategies related to engagement.

Guiding Questions

- **1.1:** *How does the School - in collaboration with parents - establish an engagement plan that reflects the specific academic improvement needs of the School, and that includes programs and practices that enhance engagement and address the specific engagement needs of students and their families?*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(a)]
- **1.2:** *What efforts have been made to ensure adequate representation of parents and families of participating children in the process (Title I families)?*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(3)]

Prescott Junior High understands the importance and necessity of involving our parents in a meaningful two-way communication by creating a partnership which improves student academic and citizenship growth.

Prescott Junior High parents and guardians will find a parent survey and volunteer form in their August, 2023 back-to-school compact. The volunteer forms will be collected, summarized, and given to the principal. These individuals will be invited to participate in an August 2023 district-wide parent engagement volunteer in-service/workshop. District requirements and responsibilities for individuals wanting to volunteer for service in our district will be reviewed at this time. All volunteers must pay for and agree to a background check if they are working one-on-one with a child outside of the normal classroom.

Prescott Junior High Parent and Family Engagement Surveys will be collected by the Prescott Junior High Facilitator-Parent Liaison, who will use the information to create data summary sheets to be examined and discussed by the principal and the Prescott Junior High Parent Facilitator and the Prescott Junior High Family Engagement Committee during their August, 2023 meeting.

This group of individuals representing our parents, school, and community will use the results of the parent interest surveys to discuss ways of improving parent involvement and to address any negative concerns parents may have indicated on their surveys. The minutes of this meeting and future parent-family meetings will be available for viewing in the principal's Office.

Events will be scheduled for the fall and spring semesters to give our parents opportunities to participate in workshops, seminars, and events to assist in the academic, social, and civic growth of their children. On March 14, 2024, Prescott Junior High parents will be asked to complete a second survey. These surveys will be distributed and collected by the parent facilitator and the Prescott Junior High Administrative Assistant. Information from these surveys will be summarized in a reader-friendly spreadsheet. The principal and the PJH Parent and Family Engagement Committee will examine and discuss the feedback from our parents and consider recommendations for the remainder of the school year and for next school year. The survey summary and recommendations will be shared with the Prescott Junior High staff, District Coordinator of Parent Engagement and Prescott School District Superintendent.

All original copies of the surveys and summary sheets will be filed in the principal's office.

2: Communication

Describe how the School will communicate with and distribute information to parents and families.

Guiding Questions

- **2.1:** *How does the School distribute an informational packet appropriate for the age and grade of each child annually, ensuring to include:*
 - *description of the engagement program*
 - *recommended roles for parents, students, teacher, and the School*
 - *ways for a family to get involved*
 - *survey regarding volunteer interests*
 - *schedule of activities planned throughout the school year*
 - *regular, two-way, and meaningful system for parents/teachers to communicate*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(1)]
- **2.2:** *How will the School ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided to parents in a format and in a language that parents can understand (to the extent practicable)?*
 - *how is relevant information provided in a variety of ways? (For example, paper copies made available, as well as social media posts, website links, parent apps, etc.?)*
[ESSA § 1116(e)(5)]
- **2.3:** *How does the School offer flexible opportunities for meetings with families?*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(2)]

Prescott Junior High will develop a school-parent 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 students achieve success. Additional items are included in this compact such as: a school calendar, a parent-family engagement survey and a volunteer form, address and contact information form, a student class schedule, and a medical form.

Prescott Junior High administrative assistant will prepare and distribute the individual compacts during open-house orientation or on the first day of school, August 8, 2023. Classroom teachers will send the returned compacts to the office where the administrative assistant will create information binders for use by the staff.

Additional parent/guardian compacts will be available daily in the principal's office for parents enrolling new students to our district.

Additionally, parents will be able to daily check their children's academic progress. Each parent or guardian will be able to access their children's grades by username and password through E-school. They may call the administrative assistant at 887-2521 with access questions.

3: Building Staff Capacity

Describe activities that will be used with School staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

Guiding Questions

- **3.1:** *How does the School build staff capacity to work with parents as equal partners? This may include workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, and online resources that will be used to ensure ALL School staff (including teachers, specialized instructional personnel, principals, and other School leaders) are aware of:*
 - *the value and utility of contributions of parents* [Title I schools]
 - *how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners* [Title I schools]
 - *how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and the School* [Title I schools]
 - *how to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities* [Title I schools]
 - *that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning* [all schools]
 - *how to welcome parents into the School and seek parental support and assistance* [all schools]
 - *the School's process for resolving parent concerns as outlined in the School handbook, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions* [all schools]
- [ESSA § 1116(e)(3);14); A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5-7)]

The principal and the staff at Prescott Junior High understand that parents and guardians are very important to the success of our school. The active participation, support, and input from our patrons are vital in the growth and development of our school. Staff members attend professional development before the start of the school year to receive training on parent and family engagement. This is required every two years.

Each year the principal reviews these parent-family engagement priorities. Teachers and parents will meet at open-house and again at the two scheduled parent-teacher conferences.

Topics include:

1. Creating a two-way communication dialogue with the parents or guardian early in the year.
2. Using conference time to communicate or meet parents. Teachers and parents may conference with one another through emails, texts, handwritten notes, or phone calls.
3. Soliciting assistance from our administrator or parent facilitator.

4: Building Parent Capacity

Describe how the School provides opportunities to build parents' capacity to play a role in their children's academic success. This may include conducting workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings or providing equipment or other materials.

Guiding Questions

- **4.1:** *How does the School provide timely information about the following:*
 - a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the School
 - the forms of State and Local academic assessments used to measure student progress, including alternate assessments
 - the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards students are expected to meet

[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(B)]
- **4.2:** *How does the School provide assistance to parents in understanding the following:*
 - the requirements of Title I, Part A
 - how to monitor their child's progress
 - how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

[ESSA § 1116(e)(1)]
- **4.3:** *What types of materials and training does the School provide to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement? This may include:*
 - literacy training
 - technology training, including education about copyright piracy and safe practices
 - resources that describe or assist with the child's curriculum
 - other activities such as workshops, conferences, online resources like tutorials or webinars, and any equipment or other materials, including parent resource centers

[ESSA § 1116(e)(2)]
- **4.4:** *Involve parents of students at all grade levels in a variety of roles, including without limitation:*
 - involvement in the education of their children
 - volunteer activities
 - learning activities and support classroom instruction
 - participation in School decisions
 - collaboration with the community
 - development of School goals and priorities
 - evaluating the effectiveness of the School-level Improvement Plan

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(1); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.03]
- **4.5:** *How does the School promote and support responsible parenting? The School shall, as funds are available:*
 - purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through the School library, advertise the current selection, and give parents an opportunity to borrow the materials for review
 - Create parent centers

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(4)(A)]
- **4.6:** *How does the School provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation:*
 - role play and demonstration by trained volunteers
 - the use of and access to Department of Education website tools for parents

[https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov (https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/)]

 - assistance with nutritional meal planning

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(ii)(a-d)]

Prescott Junior High knows the values of a good relationship between our school and each parent or guardian. We provide the following:

1. Parents are given E-school access codes to view their child's current academic performance.
2. Parents give feedback by participating in surveys at the start of the school year and during spring parent-teacher conferences.
3. Parent nights are scheduled with workshops and presentations. Some possible topics are the school curriculum (math and literacy home practice materials), state test scores, school policies, health, and school-community safety issues.

4. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the end of the first and third nine-weeks of the year. Parents receive an academic report from the teachers and a copy of their children's state assessment.
5. Teachers and parents are encouraged to get and stay involved in the academic and social development of our students.

5: Coordination

Describe how the School will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners, including alumni, to provide additional supports, services, and resources to families..

Guiding Questions

- **5.1:** *How does the School investigate and utilize community resources in the instructional program?*
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 5.06]
- **5.2:** *How does the School coordinate and integrate programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs? Some examples include:*
 - *public preschool programs such as Head Start*
 - *organizations/activities to help students transition to elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary schools or careers*
 - *wraparound services that allow families to send their children to school ready and able to focus on learning*
[ESSA §1116(e)(4)]
- **5.3:** *In what ways does the School enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization and ensure leaders of said organization will be included in appropriate decisions?*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(8)(B)(ii)]

Prescott Junior High partners along with community leaders, organizations and alumni to provide services to our students. They are utilized as guest speakers in classes or at general assemblies.

The Nevada County Health Department, on-site counselors and school nurses are used to provide health services and presentations on important topics related to junior high students. They work with individuals or groups.

6: Annual Title I Meeting (Title I schools)

Describe the details regarding the Annual Title I meeting used to inform parents of the requirements of Title I, the School's participation, and the parents' rights to be involved.

Guiding Questions

- **6.1:** *How and when (month/year) does the School conduct the Annual Title I meeting, ensuring that parents are informed of the following? (*Include a link to the detailed agenda, meeting minutes, and/or slide deck for this year's Annual Title I Meeting, if available.)*
 - *the requirements of Title I and the School's participation*
 - *the parents' rights under Title I (The Right to Know Teacher Qualifications, Right to Request Meetings)*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(1)]

N/A Prescott Junior High is not a Title I school.

7: School-Parent Compact (Title I schools)

Describe the process School will follow to jointly develop with parents a School-Parent Compact as required under Title I, Part A.

Guiding Questions

- **7.1:** *How does the School jointly develop a School-Parent Compact which does the following:*
 - *Outlines how parents, the entire School staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement*
 - *Addresses the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:*
 - *conferences (no fewer than 2 each year)*
 - *frequent reports on progress*
 - *reasonable access to staff*
 - *opportunities to volunteer*
 - *observation of classroom activities*
[ESSA § 1116(d)]

- **7.2:** How do families access the compact in order to understand the shared responsibility for improved student academic achievement?
 - Including parent-teacher conferences in elementary Schools, at least annually
 - Include a link or insert the language of the compact to demonstrate this requirement has been met.

[ESSA § 1116(d)(2)(A)]

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8: Reservation of Funds (Title I schools)

Describe how the School uses Title I, Part A funds set-aside for parent and family engagement programs and activities.

Guiding Questions

- **8.1:** If the School is a recipient of set aside funds for parent and family engagement (as part of receiving a Title I, Part A allocation greater than \$500,000):
 - How is the School spending those funds?
 - How does the School determine the priority of how funds are spent?
 - Who is involved in determining that?

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(A)]
- **8.2:** How does the School provide opportunities for parents and family members to be involved in providing input into how the funds are used?

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(B); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(C); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)(i-v)]

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Assurances

Please read the following statements closely. By checking these boxes, the School understands the legal requirements and will meet them accordingly.

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- A.1:**The School understands that annually by August 1, the public School's Engagement Plan shall be developed, or reviewed and updated.
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.3]
- A.2:**The School understands that the following must be made available to families and the local community on the School or District website no later than August 1st:
- The School Engagement Plan
 - A parent-friendly explanation of the School and District's Engagement Plan
 - The informational packet
 - Contact information for the parent facilitator designated by the School.
- [A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.4]]
- A.3:**The School understands that a parent-friendly summary/explanation of the Engagement Plan should be included in the current student handbook.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02]
- A.4:**The School understands its obligation for ensuring professional development requirements related to parent and family engagement are met and that records are maintained accordingly.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1703(a); A.C.A. § 6-17-709]
- A.5:**The School understands its obligation to obtain signatures for each parent acknowledging receipt of the District's Engagement Plan summary/explanation.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a)(3)(B)]
- A.6:**The School Principal understands their obligation to designate and pay a licensed staff member to serve as Parent Facilitator:

- to help organize meaningful training for staff and parents,
- to promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere, and
- to undertake efforts to ensure that engagement is recognized as an asset to the School.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(c)(1)]
- A.7:**The School understands its obligation to encourage school staff to use volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book..
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)(ii)]
- A.8:**The School understands its obligation to conduct no fewer than two parent-teacher conferences per school year.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(ii)]
- A.9:**The School understands its obligation to incorporate the Engagement Plan into the School Improvement Plan.
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.2]
- A.10:**The School understands its obligation to schedule regular parent involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the School and an overview of:
 - what students will be learning
 - how students will be assessed
 - The informational packet
 - what a parent should expect for his or her child’s education
 - how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child’s education.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(i)(a-d)]
- A.11:**Any School serving high school students understands its obligation to educate parents about their role in decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(7)(B)(ii)]
- A.12:**The School understands its obligation to welcome parents into the School, and more specifically, not have any school policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting the School or from visiting a child’s classrooms.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)]
- A.13:**The School understands that all Title I, Part A funded engagement activities and strategies should remain consistent with all information set forth in this parent and family engagement plan.
[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)]
- A.14:**The School understands its obligation to submit to the State any comments from parents who deem the Title I Schoolwide Plan unsatisfactory. These comments can be sent to ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov
[ESSA § 1116(b)(4)]
- A.15:**The School understands its obligation, if requested by parents, to provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(C)]

School Information

School Name:	Prescott Junior High
School Engagement Facilitator Name:	Angela Bryant
Plan Revision/Submission Date:	8/1/23
District Level Reviewer Name, Title:	Angela Bryant, District Coordinator
District Level Approval Date:	8/1/23

Committee Members, Role

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Role (Teacher, Staff, Parent, Student, or Community Member)
Pearl	Bailey	PJH Parent Liaison
Jay	Turley	PJH Principal
Angela	Bryant	District Coordinator
Remona	Block	Community Leader
Patsy	Laughard	PJH Parent
Haleigh	Glass	PJH Counselor

Committee Members, Role

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First Name	Last Name	Role (Teacher, Staff, Parent, Student, or Community Member)
Frank	Hensen	Community Leader
William (Joey)	Christopher	Parent
Jacob	Brown	Parent
Susie	Meeks	Community Leader

State

- Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq.
(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10BITKmbAug4tJidUAqt3CjyBVLxqvfcZ/view>)
- Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement
(https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/20201102114851_FINAL_Parental_Involvement_Plans_and_Family_and_Community_En)

Federal

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act, 114 P.L. 95, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6312, 6318, 6320
(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gLCfooJPV5yjHMvnTGmcKRiTThzKwGT9/view>)

Find additional guidance on the DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements (<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/public-school-accountability/federal-programs/parent-and-family-engagement-requirements>) webpage. For any questions about completing this form or meeting legal compliance, please contact the DESE Engagement Unit at ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov (mailto:ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov) or 501-371-8051.

District Reviewer Responses**Section 1 - Jointly Developed**

- Changes Required
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Comments:**-Section 2 - Communication**

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Comments:**Section 3 - Building Staff Capacity**

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Comments:

Section 5 - Coordination

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Section 6 - Annual Title I Meeting

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Section 7 - School-Parent Compact

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Section 8 - Reservation of Funds

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