

Parental Involvement Plan

Maumelle High School Parent Involvement Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

In accordance with the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans (Act 319), this plan was created with the help of parents, teachers, and school administration to ensure availability of resources and information for all Maumelle High School parents.

3.02.4.4 Contact information for the parent facilitator designated by Maumelle High School.

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Maumelle High School is committed to the school-wide goal of developing strong, productive relationships with parents to provide quality academic education for every child. Parental Involvement means the participation of parents in a consistent, two-way, and meaningful communication concerning student academic learning and other school activities (3.03.3).

Students who are supported by their parents demonstrate higher levels of academic progress and social engagement at school (3.03.5). Furthermore, a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect their children and family (3.03.7).

Maumelle High School welcomes parents into the school and seek parental support and assistance in their child's education as well as in a volunteer capacity (3.03.8). Community resources strengthen Maumelle High School's programs, family practices, and student learning (3.03.8). Thus, it is imperative for parents to be involved in the decisions and practices of our school (3.03.9).

3.03.1 Maumelle High School will involve parents of students at all grade levels in a variety of roles:

3.03.1.1. Involvement in the education of their children;

3.03.1.2. Volunteer activities;

3.03.1.3. Learning activities that support classroom instruction;

3.03.1.4. Participation in school decisions;

3.03.1.5. Collaboration with the community;

3.03.1.6. Development of school goals and priorities;

3.03.1.7. Evaluating the effectiveness of the school-level improvement plan;

5.01 To encourage communication with parents, Maumelle High School offers information and suggestions concerning the following:

5.01.1.2. The recommended role of the parent, student, teacher, and school;

- Parent:
 - Keep clear and open lines of communication with Maumelle High School
 - Volunteer
 - Accept a leading role in school initiatives, programs, and events
 - Encourage your child to have a positive attitude towards school and education
 - Help your child see connections between class content and careers
 - Share information about community services and programs with other families and neighbors
 - Complete the Parent Survey by October 1, 2020
- Student
 - Be prepared to learn
 - Keep a positive attitude towards your education
 - Connect your learning to your future
 - Communicate openly with parents and teachers
- Teacher
 - Keep clear and open lines of communication with the parent
 - Provide resources to help parents assist their child in their success
 - Update the Home Access Center weekly and consistently
 - Foster student interest in academic content and future careers
 - Keep a positive classroom environment conducive to learning
 - Remain open to community involvement in the classroom
- School
 - Provide platforms for student, teacher, and parent communications (HAC, website [mhs.pcssd.org], MHS PTSO Facebook Page, Twitter [@mhs_tweet], call-outs, and emails.
 - Encourage volunteering by parents and making opportunities known
 - Schedule regular parent-teacher interaction

5.01.1.3. Ways for the parent to become involved in the school and his or her child's education;

- At the bequest of parents, the PTSO Facebook page will contain information about events taking place at the school, including, but not limited to, sports, academic competitions, Fine Arts performances and club activities.

- The Maumelle High School Website will be utilized to share information with parents and stakeholders.
- Join the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO), agree to take a leadership role in one of the school's committees or booster clubs, or volunteering through People Assisting Local Schools (PALS) at Maumelle High School.

5.01.1.4. A survey for the parent regarding interests in volunteering at the school will be included under the Parent link on the Maumelle School Website to be completed by October 1st, 2020. The survey is located on the Maumelle High School website under the Parent tab.

5.01.1.5. Activities will be planned through the school year to encourage parental involvement:

- A cultural night involving numerous school clubs and the English Secondary Language students.
- Awards Day presentation
- Fine Arts Night
- Athletic Events
- Quiz Bowl Competitions
- Athletic Booster Club (www.maumellehighschoolhornets.com)
- Band Concerts
- School plays
- Choir concerts
- Graduation

5.01.1.6. A system has been developed to allow parents and teachers to communicate with the child's teacher and the school principal;

- Parents are encouraged to activate the Home Access Center (HAC) which provides a link between home and school. Through HAC, parents may view their child's grades and receive other pertinent information from each teacher regarding their child's progress.
- A feature of HAC enables the parents and teachers to communicate via email. Each teacher at Maumelle High School has been emailed HAC usernames and passwords for each MHS student.
- The Register's Office and Counselor's Office can assist you with access information
- Register for Google Classroom Summaries. When guardians join their child's Google Classroom, they receive regular, automated email summaries for each of their students' classes. Guardians choose the frequency of notifications - daily or weekly - and can unsubscribe at any time. Guardian email summaries include:
 - Missing work at the time the email was sent
 - Upcoming work which is due that day or the next (for daily emails) or work that's due for the upcoming week (for weekly emails)

- Class Activities such as announcements, assignments, and other pertinent information
- Parents are encouraged to use every means available to stay in touch with their child's teachers. Parents may use the district assigned email addresses to communicate with members of the school staff. Email lists are available on *mhs.pcssd.org*.

5.02.2 Maumelle High School has created a parent center which includes parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting;

- The Parent Information Center is located in the Counselor's office. The center is equipped with three desktop computers and other literature. The center also provides parents with information regarding tutoring, wellness, next steps, and other pertinent material regarding the high school experience.
- The parent center is open to parents, grandparents, and other caregivers who are welcome to come and utilize the resources the center provides to:
 - Use the computer to check the Home Access Center,
 - Communicate with teachers via email,
 - Meet with other parents,
 - Find resources regarding bullying, dating, school attendance, college and career preparation, and tips for high school success (503.2)
 - Participate in school and community events.
 - Access the Arkansas Department of Education website tools for parents (5.03.2.2).
- The center will be open from 9 am to 3 pm. Parents/Guardians need to check in the main office and receive a visitor's pass. When checking in at the main office the parent/guardian MUST be listed in the student's contact information and present a photo ID.

5.05 To encourage parents to participate as a full partner in the decisions that affect their child and family, Maumelle High School invites parents to become involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school-wide school improvement plan. Please contact the MHS office at 501-851-5350, about the following opportunities to serve:

- Planning committee for Maumelle High School, the school offers school staff, faculty, and training on how to contribute to the school improvement plan process in a meaningful, contributory way.
- In order to utilize community resources, MHS seeks our parents to sit on school leadership meetings when discussing the MHS School Improvement Plan to provide advice and guidance for student achievement.
- Join MHS Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), which fosters parental and community involvement within the school. The President of the PTSO is Ms. Teresa Connor and meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month and located in the Seminar Room at Maumelle High School. Meetings begin at 5:30.

- 5.05.1 Maumelle High School proposes the following process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions;
- Parental concern is defined as concern for the wellness and academic success of all Maumelle High School students, as well as concern for the overall wellness and safety of the school spirit
 - The school's policy handbook is available on PCSSD's website. It contains the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first and how to develop solutions. Go to www.pcssd.org and click on Families, then the Parent Involvement Policy, then Maumelle High School, which will offer a digital version of the school handbook.
- 5.05.2 The Counselors at Maumelle High School will sponsor parent summits to inform parents of students in grades 9 through 12 about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities. The dates and times can be located under the Counselors tab on the Maumelle High School Website.
- 5.07.2 Enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school;
- PTSO meetings will take place on the campus of Maumelle High School the first Tuesday of every month. The meetings will begin at 5:30 pm and last no longer than one (1) hour, unless a meeting of a special committee will take place directly thereafter.
 - PTSO meetings will serve as the primary method for informing parents and getting them involved with the school. Parents and teachers involved in PTSO will be encouraged to work together to create a safe environment for students and a friendly atmosphere for more parents to get involved.
 - Call-outs will go out to all parents concerning PTSO meetings and events.

