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#### **School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

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1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction. Hint The District has created availability for teachers to use Google Classroom. Homework assignments and pertinent classroom information are available to students and parents. Also, parents can access their child's grades using a HAC access codes they received in September. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff.

Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress and share infomration that should also include positives.

The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four and one half weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.

The school will offer parents a report to the public each year on the school's approach to school improvement.

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 parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

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#### 2017

Aug - Freshmen Orientation, Aug - Senior Breakfast, Aug - School Open House, September - Positive parent contact from each teacher; September - Report to the Public; October 26 - Fall PTC

2018

March - Spring PTC; Late Feb - CATS (Challenging All To Succeed) Conferences to set student schedules for nect school year; Meet with Parents to sign off on schedules with student and advisor

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

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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 Yerger Middle School and Hope Academy of Public Service 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 schools will work together to make handbooks similar to aide in the transition from one grade to the next.

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

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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. HHS will send 3 students, a teacher, and an administor to a Student Voice conference to help engage parents and students in this shared responsibility. Arkansas Leadership Academy will help with ongoing student voice issues

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?

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Not a Title 1A school

#### 6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

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Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents.

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...).

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

# 7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

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The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The 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 parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

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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 Parent and Family Engagement 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.)

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We are not a Title I school

\*After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.



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