

Greenbrier High School Parental Involvement Policy

Greenbrier School District

Greenbrier, Arkansas

Greenbrier High School recognizes the importance of involving parents in promoting higher student achievement and general good between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the school will strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the students, parents, community, and the school. To achieve such ends, the school shall address the following areas:

1. How can GHS parents become more involved in supporting GHS classroom instruction and activities?

- A. Quarterly Progress Reports
 - Contact: Counseling Department
- B. GHS School Website
 - Contact: GHS Office Personnel
- C. Alert Now Updates
 - Contact: GHS Office Personnel
- D. E-School Weekly Updates
 - Contact: Individual Classroom Teachers
- E. Online School Announcements
 - Contact: GHS Office Personnel
- F. Counselors Quarterly Newsletters
 - Contact: Counseling Department
- G. School Marquee Sign Memos
 - Contact: John Ashworth, principal
- H. Parent Phone Calls
 - Contact: Individual Classroom Teachers

2. GHS parent involvement programs and activities will be held in the form of:

- A. GHS Student Orientations
 - Contact: Counseling Dept.
 - August 1 and 4, 2014 (Seniors)
 - August 7-8, 2014 (Juniors)
 - August 11-12, 2014 (Sophomores)

- B. Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - October 21, 2014 and February 12, 2015 in GHS individual teacher classrooms
 - Contact: GHS Counseling Department
- C. Quarterly Progress Reports
 - End of fourth nine weeks of semester
 - Contact: GHS Counseling Department
- D. College Fair
 - September 25, 2014 at 9-12 a.m. in the GHS Old Gym
 - Contact: GHS Counseling Department
- E. CAP (Career Action Planning) Conferences
 - High School Information Expo: Planning for Success
 - TBA
 - GHS Fine Arts Center
 - Contact: GHS Counseling Department
- F. GAGATE (Greenbrier Arkansas Gifted and Talented Education Affiliate Meeting), Destination Imagination, Pre-Advancement Student Placement
 - August 14, 2014
 - Contact: Robin Clark
- G. Advanced Placement Orientation
 - August 14, 2014 at 6:30 in GHS Fine Arts Center
 - Contact: Susan Jackson
- H. AAIMS (Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Sciences) Assembly
 - TBA in GHS Fine Arts Center
 - Contact: Susan Jackson
- I. EAST Night/Community Health Fair
 - October 21, 2014
 - GHS Commons Area
 - Contact: Kim Austin
- J. Book Fair
 - December 2014 in GHS Media Center
 - Contact: Amber Vint, GHS Media Specialist

- K. Financial Aid Literacy Night
 - TBA
 - Contact: GHS Counseling Department
 - L. Fall Festival
 - October 25, 2014
 - Panther Pavilion
- 3. GHS provides information to parents about volunteer opportunities through:**
- A. Monthly PTO meetings
 - Second Friday each month at 9:30 am in GHS Media Center
 - Contact: Wanda Johnston, PTO President
 - Contact: Loretta Burgess or Susan Harmon
 - B. Parent Orientation Volunteer Sign up
 - August 15, 2014
 - Contact: Susan Harmon
 - Contact: Wanda Johnston, PTO President
 - C. Parent Volunteer Opportunities and Training Meeting
 - TBA
 - Contact: Susan Harmon
 - D. Staff Development: Staff will be required to obtain no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers that is designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental development.
- 4. GHS parents can be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan.**
- Contact: Susan Harmon
- 5. GHS provides the following resources for parents:**
- A. GHS Parent Center located in the front lobby by office
 - Contact: Susan Harmon
 - B. Online Parent Center
 - Contact: Susan Harmon
 - C. Parent Information Packets
 - Contact: Susan Harmon
 - D. Online Announcements
 - Contact: GHS Office Staff
 - E. Computer Access to eSchoolPlus+
 - Available in Counselor's Office
 - Contact: GHS

6. GHS will engage parents in the evaluation of their parental involvement efforts

- Parent Survey given out during CAP Night.
- Contact: Susan Harmon and GHS Counseling Department

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

- The parent interest surveys are kept on file in the parent facilitator's room and are available whenever necessary. The surveys will be recorded on a spreadsheet and given to GHS staff, so everyone knows which parents want to volunteer and their assignment preferences. The parent facilitator will also create a distribution email list and will send out notifications via email for upcoming volunteer opportunities at the school. Parents are also notified of volunteer opportunities through flyers sent home, announcements online and on the school marquee, Alert Now, and notifications on the school website.
- Contact: Susan Harmon