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School Parent Involvement Policy

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Hint

District

Arkadelphia School District

School Improvement Status

Needs Improvement

Grade Levels

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st

Parent Involvement Coordinator

Amy Bright

Are you Title I Schoolwide?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch

56% - Free lunch 8.45% - Reduced lunch

Parent Involvement Committee Members

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

Enter committee members

First Name

Amy

Last Name

Bright

Position

Parent Involvement Facilitator/ Kindergarten Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Callie

Last Name

Hunley

Position

Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Carrie

Last Name

Sharp

Position

Instructional Facilitator

Enter committee members

First Name

Ashley

Last Name

White

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Reo

Last Name

Cummings

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Connie

Last Name

Hendrix

Position

1st Grade Teacher

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

* Weekly newsletters are distributed by each teacher to keep parents informed of daily literacy and math skills and activities. A Communique from the Principal is also sent weekly to inform parents and to request feedback by clip-and-return forms. PEEPER, our school newsletter, is distributed monthly from the office to provide monthly activities, calendars, menus, "Counselor's Corner", and to showcase student activities and work.

*Perritt has a school website that is used as a means of communication for parents, grandparent, and the community. The website contains information about the school, classroom and school activities, the curriculum, and parent resources.

*Perritt also communicates through the Arkadelphia Public School app., Perritt Primary Facebook site, Remind 101 and School Messenger.

*Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.

*Perritt will provide to parents progress reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events.

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 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

*Parents are invited annually to an Open House, which allows them to become acquainted with the school, staff, and procedures. Informational packets will be distributed to all students' families enrolled at Perritt. The packet will include: Perritt's handbook, a school calendar, volunteer opportunity survey, faculty contact information, school policies, a statement of Perritt's commitment to parental involvement and a parent/teacher/student compact. A district policy for complaint resolution will be included in the school handbook. Magnetic school calendars are provided for all families.

*One parent/teacher conference, and one parent/teacher/child conference are held each year so that teachers may meet with parents and guardians to discuss their child's progress. Other forms of communication will be used to communicate with parents not attending conferences.

*Title I funds will be used for Perritt to sponsor parent awareness workshops and family nights. Teachers, support staff, and university professors will provide strategies and examples of how parents can help their children achieve proficiency in literacy and math. Materials will be purchased to support these activities.

*An annual School-Wide Title I report to the public is conducted to inform parents of district policies regarding Parental Involvement and their right to be involved in planning, reviewing, and improvement of parent programs. Title I funding at Perritt will be presented. At this meeting, an explanation of the curriculum used in the school is described and explained, as are the types of assessments.

*On a daily basis parents/grandparents and members from all areas of the community volunteer to assist in the classrooms as Reading buddies, Mentors, Teacher assistants, Tutors, Book fair helpers, Field day volunteers, Awards day presentation, and Various committees.

*Title I funds will be used to implement the WATCH D.O.G.S.(Dads of Great Students) programs focusing on the prevention of violence in our schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father figures. WATCH D.O.G.S. and all other volunteers will report to the office and sign the volunteer logbook.

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

*Perritt will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as Reading Buddies, tutoring, and special friends

*Title I funds will be used to provide parents with materials and supplies to help involve them in their children's learning. A parent center is provided with materials to assist learning at home. Available materials will include issues of concern to parents, such as developing character, building test taking skills, teaching problem-solving skills, learning how to resolve conflicts, or other needs. Materials will include books, pamphlets, and other resources. This center will be located in the media center. Perritt will provide a list of materials available for checkout in the 1st Peeper each year. Materials may be checked out through the parent facilitator, office, counselor, or media specialist.

*Perritt uses surveys to keep a volunteer resource to encourage parents to volunteer in the school.

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Perritt teachers and principal will receive two hours of professional development for Parent Involvement according to state requirements.

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. This will be reviewed at the spring PAC meeting so the parents will have input.

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?

*Perritt will involve parents on school improvement planning committees.

*Perritt will ask parents to serve on curricular and instructional review committees.

*Perritt will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title 1, Part A funds for parental involvement.

*Perritt has a PAC, Principals Advisory Council, that fosters parental and community involvement within the school. It meets two times a year. The parents will be invited to participate in the PAC via the school newsletter, classroom newsletters, the website, Reminder 101 and Facebook.

*Perritt also has a PTC, Parent-Teacher Council, fosters parental and community involvement within the school. It meets two times a year. The parents will be invited to participate in the PTC via the school newsletter, classroom newsletters, the website, Reminder 101, Arkadelphia Public School app. and Facebook.

*Perritt coordinates and integrates parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs, Parents as Teachers Program and Arkansas Better Chance preschool program.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

*Informational packets will be distributed to all students' families enrolled at Perritt. The packet will include: Perritt's handbook, a school calendar, volunteer opportunity survey, faculty contact information, school policies, a statement of Perritt's commitment to parental involvement, and a parent/teacher/student compact.

* A district policy for complaint resolution will be included in Perritt's handbook.

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Amy Bright serves as the Perritt Facilitator for Parent/Community Involvement. The facilitator assumes responsibility for organizing and monitoring to ensure that all intents and purposes of Act 397 are met. Ms. Bright may be contacted through the principal's office.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

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

*Perritt will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the first parent teacher conference to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.

*Perritt will use the results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.

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.)

An annual School-Wide Title I report to the public will be conducted in October to inform parents of district policies regarding Parental Involvement and their right to be involved in planning, reviewing, and improvement of parent programs. Title I purchases for Perritt (ACSIP) will be presented. At this meeting, an explanation of the curriculum used in the school is described and explained, as are the types of assessments.

****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.***