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Northside Elementary School Cabot
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School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

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District
Cabot Public School

School Improvement Status

Grade Levels
PK-4

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Karen Turner

Are you Title I Schoolwide?
 Yes
 No
 N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch
54%

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Suzie

Last Name
Kelley

Position
Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Tereena

Last Name
Woodruff

Position
Assistant Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Kelly

Last Name
Jullian

Position
NorthsideTeacher and Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Sara

Last Name

Stumpenhuis

Position

Counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Karen

Last Name

Turner

Position

2-4 Interventionists/Parental Involvement Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name

Stephanie

Last Name

Williams

Position

Parent Rep.

Enter committee members

First Name

Damon

Last Name

Bivins

Position

Former Northside Parent/ Centennial Bank

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

* The school will maintain a website on the district's homepage. The website will be composed of various information such as a calendar of events, Monday Newsletter, PTO information, and faculty and staff contact information as well as any special announcements. (A. Elizandro, L. Massey; on-going)

* Classroom teachers will use various forms of communication with parents such as class dojo, e-mail, written notes home, texting/Celly, and phone calls. Information shared will consist of positive or negative behavior, questions/concerns that the teacher may have, or the child's progress. Parents can communicate with the teacher in any of these ways as well. (classroom teachers; on-going)

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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.)

* Northside Elementary Open House- August 13, 2015 (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff)

* Report to the Public Mon. Oct 19, Tues. Oct. 20, Thurs. Oct 22 (2:45-6:00) (S. Kelley and T. Woodruff)

* Title I Meeting- Thursday Nov. 5 (5:00-5:30) (S. Kelley and T. Woodruff)

* Gifted and Talented Open House- Oct 1, 2015 (6:00-7:00) (Kim Thompson)

* Grandparent's Day-September 18, 2015 (10:30-1:30) (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff)

* Parent/Teacher Conferences- October 19, 20, 22 (2:45-6:00), March 14, 15 & 17 (2:45-6:00) (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff)

* Fall Festival Family Math & Science Night- Nov. 5 (5:30-7:30) (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff, K. Turner)

* PTO Meetings- monthly (6:00 p.m.) (S. Kelley)

* Dr. Seuss Family Night- March 2015 (6:00-7:30) (S. Kelley, M. Miller, K. Turner)

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

* The school will hand out information for the district-wide initiative for encouraging parental involvement. The Cabot School District's Health and Wellness Coordinator will facilitate an orientation meeting to educate and train parents on what volunteerism looks like in the Cabot Public School District. The program is called Hallway Heroes, which invites parents to greet students as they arrive at school; help with lunch and/or recess duties; monitor hallways, entryways, parking lots, and playgrounds; assist office personnel and teachers with daily support tasks; eat lunch or play on the playground with a student, etc. (K. Spencer, August 2015)

The school faculty will participate in no fewer than two hours of professional development designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies as required by the State Board of Education's Standard for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and Cabot School District. Administrators will attend no fewer than three hours of professional development designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. August 2019

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

NSE 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. This compact will be sent home to all parents at the beginning of the year and be available at our Report to the Public. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

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?

* To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (T. Woodruff; on-going)

* The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (S. Kelley; monthly)

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

* A Parent Resource Center will be located in the school, in which parents can check out Math and Literacy materials to help their children, academically, at home. Materials will also be available on the following topics: Parenting and Co-Parenting, Addiction, Adult Education, Children with Disabilities, Managing Stress, Hygiene, etc. (T. Eggensperger, S. Stumpfenhaus; open during school hours- Monday – Friday 7:30-4:00)

* The school will distribute informational packets each year that include 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, etc.). (S. Stumpfenhaus, August 14, 2015)

* To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall do the following: purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. (S. Stumpfenhaus, on-going)

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

* The school 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. (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff, K. Turner, May 2015)

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?

* The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the end of the school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. (S. Kelley, May 2015)

* The school will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the following year. (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff, K. Turner, May 2015)

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.)

* The school conducted the Annual Title I Meeting for all parents on October 5, 2015 (5:00-5:30) (S. Kelley, T. Woodruff, S. Stumpenhous)

****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.***