

School Parental Involvement Plan

2015-2016

Cabot School District* Eastside Elementary School

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Goal 1: Eastside Elementary will use various communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

- The school will distribute a bi-monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with the participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement such as homework tips, organizational skills, and study skills. (Stacy Allen, Principal; August 2015-May 2016)
- Each Teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school. (Regular Classroom Teachers, Stacy Allen, Principal; August 2015- May 2016)
- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress. (Regular Classroom Teachers, Carol Skiba, Assistant Principal/Instructional Facilitator; August 2015- May 2016)

Goal 2: Eastside Elementary will hold regularly scheduled parent meetings, conferences, and various activities throughout the school year providing flexible meeting times with the goal of increasing parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts.

- Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures. (Stacy Allen, Principal; October 19, 20 and 22, 2015; March 14, 15 and 17, 2016; 2:45-6:00 PM)
- The school will offer parents a special workshop each year to provide an explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and other accountability measures. (Stacy Allen, Principal; September 10, 2015)
- The school will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Tonya Camplain, PTO President, Stacy Allen, Principal; August 2015-May 2016)
 - Library assistant and morning readers
 - Special parent lunches
 - Book fair helpers
 - Grandparents Day
 - Family reading night
 - Open House
 - Parent-school organization

Goal 3: Eastside Elementary will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

- Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator)
 - Ice Cream Social/Report to the Public (September 10, 2015)
 - State Mandated Parent Training (September 14, 2015)
 - Family Night (December 2015)
 - Family Night (January 2016)

- Family Night (March 2016)
- The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators 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. (Stacy Allen, Principal)
 - August 2018

Goal 4: Eastside Elementary will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the plan.

- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school by creating additional positions on the Parental Involvement Committee to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2015- May 2016)
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Tonya Camplain, PTO President; August 2015-May 2016)

Goal 5: Eastside Elementary will provide resources for parents.

- Parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. Parents will be encouraged to visit the parental resource center. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2015 –May 2016)
 - Eastside Elementary Parent Resource Center hours of operation: Monday-Friday during regular school hours and any after school special event.
- The school will distribute 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. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Packets distributed at Eastside Elementary Open House, August 13, 2015; and are also available in the office.)
- 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, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2015-May 2016)
- Maintain a parent center (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; September 2015)
- Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions (Cabot School District, August 2015)
- The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Stacy Allen, Principal; August 2015)

Goal 6: Eastside Elementary will use parent interest surveys to select, plan, and implement parental activities that will be offered throughout the year.

- 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 activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically. (Stacy Allen, Principal; October 2015: sent in biweekly newsletter via link).
- The school will use the results of the parent interest survey to help plan the parental involvement activities for the year. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; November 2015)

Parental Involvement Coordinator: Kimberly Griffin

Parental Involvement Committee: Stacy Allen, Principal* Carol Skiba, Assistant Principal/Instructional Facilitator * Tonya Camplain, Parent Teacher Organization President* Anita Kee and Janna Todd, Parents* Stephanie Tiner and Lori DeLaPaz, Alumni Parents