

Northside Elementary
2017-2018 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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.

- 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. (L. Massey; on-going 501-843-3363)
- Classroom teachers will use various forms of communication with parents such as class dojo, e-mail, written notes home, texting/Celly/Remind 101, and phone calls. Information shared will consist of positive/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)

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.)

- Northside Elementary Open House- August 10, 2017 (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill 501-743-3568)
- Report to the Public Tues, Oct. 17 and Thurs., Oct. 19 (2:45-7:00) (S. Kelley and M. Berryhill 501-743-3568)
- Title I Meeting- Tues., Sept. 26 (6:00) (K. Turner and M. Berryhill 501-743-3568)
- Gifted and Talented Open House- Thurs., Sept. 28 (6:00-7:00) (Jennifer Thomas 501-743-3568)
- Grandparent's Day-September 7 and 8 (10:20-1:30) (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill 501-743-3568)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences- October 17 and 19 (2:45-7:00), March 13 and 15 (2:45-7:00) (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill 501-743-3568)
- Fall Family Night Sept. 21 (5:30-7:30) (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill, K. Turner 501-743-3568)
- PTO Meetings- monthly (6:00 p.m.) (S. Kelley)
- *Spring Parent Night- March 2017 (6:00-7:30) (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill, M. Miller, K. Turner 501-743-3568)

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 designee facilitated an orientation meeting to educate and train parents on what volunteerism looks like in the Cabot Public Schools System. The program is called Hallway Heroes, and 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; eating lunch or playing on the playground with a student, etc. (M. Byrd, 501-843-3363, August 2017)
- STATE REQUIREMENT – 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 a trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional 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. (K. Turner, ongoing, 501-743-3568)

- The school faculty will attend a district wide two hour professional development training designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental engagement strategies following the rotation from the Arkansas Department of Education (Linda Payne, ongoing, 501-843-3363)

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

- NSE staff, parents, and students will complete 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. (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill; August 10, 2017 501-743-3568)

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?

- Various committees in our school have parent representatives to contribute to the decision making process of that committee's activities. (S. Stumpenhous; quarterly 501-743-3568)
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (S. Kelley; monthly 501-743-3568 M. Berryhill, K. Turner, PI Coordinator, S. Stumpenhous, counselor, C. Ashley, Parent Rep, K. Julian, Parent Rep, D. Bivens, Former NS Parent, Community Worker)
- Various surveys are sent to parents for feedback throughout the year. This information is used in future decision making. (S.Kelley, M. Berryhill; as needed 501-743-3568)

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

- A Parent Resource Center will be located in the school Cafeteria I, 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. (M. Berryhill, S. Stumpenhous; open during school hours- Monday – Friday 7:30-4:00 501-743-3568)
- The school will distribute informational packets each year including a 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.). The school will post yearly a copy of the school's parental involvement plan. (S. Stumpenhous 501-743-3568)
- 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. Stumpenhous, ongoing) 501-743-3568

- In the district policy's handbook, the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first and how to develop solutions can be found. (S. Kelley, 501-743-743-3568, ongoing)
- The principal has designated a certified staff member who is willing to serve as the parent and family engagement facilitator. (S. Kelley, K. Turner, August 2017 501-743-3568)

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement 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, M. Berryhill, K. Turner 501-743-3568)

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?

- 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 501-743-3568)
- The school will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the following year. (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill, K. Turner 501-743-3568)

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 will conduct the Annual Title I Meeting for all parents on Sept. 26 (6:00) (S. Kelley, M. Berryhill, K. Turner 501-743-3568)