

Cabot Junior High North Parental Involvement Plan

Philosophy: We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life.

We believe:

- **A child's education is a responsibility shared by school staff and family during the entire time they are in school.**
- **Families and school staff must work as knowledgeable partners.**
- **Families must play a positive role in providing for student success.**

I. Program Components:

To support the belief of the Cabot Public Schools, the schools' parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The 7-9th Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement:

Cabot Junior High North will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni, and community.

1. Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee
 - a. A Parental Involvement Plan will be developed by the above committee.
 - b. The plan will be disseminated to all district patrons.
 - c. The Parental Involvement Plan will be published in the local newspaper.
2. Volunteer Plan
 - a. Parents will participate in various Booster Clubs that support specific organizations; e.g., band, choir, athletics, etc.
 - b. Parents will participate in club and organization activities; e.g., Student Council, Science Club, Builder's Club, Chess Club, Science Club ROTC, JUST Club, FFA, FCA, FBLA, Art Club, Spanish Club, Forensics, etc.
 - c. Parents will share expertise in content related areas.
 - d. Parents will participate on site-based committees; e.g., school improvement, literacy, and math, ACSIP, etc. A needs assessment will be conducted at the building level to ascertain degree of needs. Lists of needs will be compiled and distributed to parents.
 - e. Parents will be surveyed regarding their abilities and interests as volunteers. These parents can be used to help in teacher workrooms, concession stands, bookstores, etc. as needed.
 - f. Parent volunteers will participate in the development and implementation of the Parental Involvement Plan.
3. Activities and Events
 - a. Information about student performance activities will be provided for parents; e.g., band, concerts, athletic events, choir concerts, etc
 - b. Parents and students will receive school entry orientation as well as information about school improvement and school performance on benchmark testing (Open House, Orientation Night, Report to the Public).
4. Resource Materials
 - a. Guidance offices/media center/school offices will provide parents with information to assist students in educational planning; e.g., vocational / technical information, scholarships, etc.

- b. Parenting skills, interventions, and healthy lifestyles information will be available through guidance offices/media center/school offices.
- 5. Recognition of Parents
 - a. Parent recognition events will be organized to thank volunteers and/or community partners, e.g., luncheons, dinners.
 - b. Newspaper articles will be used to express appreciation to parent volunteers and to those who participate in parent-teacher conferences.

II. Information Family Kits:

- 1. Jayme Layes-Shelton has been identified as the Parent Facilitator for Cabot Junior High North in the Cabot School District.
- 2. School handbook and school/district calendar will be included in the kit.
- 3. Contact information for parents about each school will be provided, e.g., facilitators, volunteers, school personnel.
- 4. Information will be given regarding location of helpful parent materials; e.g., parent center, school media centers, school office, and counseling centers.
- 5. Hours and location of parent center will be included.

III. Parent Center:

- 1. Hours, weekly schedule, and location of parent center will be identified.
- 2. Name, location and contact telephone number(s) of facilitator will be provided.

IV. School Policies:

- 1. School policies/procedures do not discourage a parent from visiting the school. Guidelines and procedures for parent visitation will be developed.
- 2. Staff development requirements will include a minimum of two hours for teachers and three hours for administrators in effective parent/involvement strategies.

V. Facilitator:

The Principal will designate one certified staff member as Parent Facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere. For parental involvement in the school and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school. Name, location, and contact telephone number(s) will be provided.