

## **School Parental Involvement Plan**

**2014-2015**

### **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-May 2015)
- 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- May 2015)
- 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- May 2015)

#### **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 14 and 16, 2014; March 17 and 19, 2015; 3:30-7:00 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 9, 2014)
- 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; Lori DeLaPaz, PTO President, Stacy Allen, Principal; August-May 2015)
  - Library assistant
  - 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 9, 2014)
  - Family Night (December 2014)
  - Family Night (March 2014)
- 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)
  - Cabot School District Parental Involvement Keynote Speaker: Jack Berckemeyer (August 14, 2014)

### **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 to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. ( Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August- May 2015)
- The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Lori DeLaPaz, PTO President; August-May 2015)

### **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. A suggestion box will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents. (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August –May 2015)
  - 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 14, 2014; 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-May 2015)

- Create a parent center (Kimberly Griffin, Parent Involvement Coordinator; September 2014)
- 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 2014)
- 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 2014)

**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 14 and 16, 2014).
- 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 2014)

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