

Cabot High School Parental Involvement Plan

Cabot High School is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and preparing all students to become active participants in the world. We recognize that family is the primary influence in a child's life. We recognize the importance of the role that families play in providing for student success. We also realize that the responsibility for a child's education is shared by both the family and the school staff the entire time the child is in school. Thus, family and school must work together as informed, cooperative partners in order to gain maximum success. CHS is firmly committed to effective parental involvement.

I. Program Components

Because parental involvement is so crucial to student success, parents, teachers, and community members must be knowledgeable partners. In accordance with Act 603 of 2003 and Act 307 of 2007, the Cabot High School Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components:

A. Parent and Community Involvement

1. Develop a Parent, Teacher, Student Organization Committee (PTSO)
 - a. The aforementioned committee will develop a Parental Involvement Plan.
 - b. The plan will be disseminated to all patrons.
 - c. PTSO will meet on a regular basis to work together to improve the success of our students and to address specific needs.
 - d. Ms. Southard will create and maintain a PTSO Wiki that can be accessed online at any time by anyone. The wiki can be found at

WikiSpaces.com

- e. Ms. Southard can also be contacted directly through email. Her address is Shannon.Southard@cps.k12.ar.us

2. Volunteer Plan

- a. Parents will continue to participate in various Booster Clubs that support specific organizations.
- b. Parents will be invited to participate in club and organization activities.
- c. Parents will be asked to share expertise in content related areas.
- d. Parent Facilitator will conduct a needs assessment at the building level. This survey will be the basis of a parent survey regarding said parents abilities and interests as volunteers.
- e. Parent volunteers will be asked to serve on ACSIP committee and to continue to develop and implement the Parental Involvement Plan.

B. Activities and Events

- a. Information about student performance and/or activities will be provided.
- b. Parents will receive information about school entry orientation as well as school improvement through such activities as Open House, Sophomore/New Student Orientation, etc.

C. Resource Materials

- a. Counseling Center, Media Center, and school offices will provide parents with information to assist students in educational planning.
- b. Parenting Center has information on parenting skills, interventions, and healthy

life styles. This information is also available through the Counseling Center.

- D. Recognition of Volunteers
 - a. Parent/Community Volunteers will be recognized through various events designed to thank the volunteers for their service.
 - b. Thanks to volunteers will also be posted on the digital marquee.

II. Information/Parent Kits

- A. A "Parent Kit" containing information about CHS will be mailed to parents and students before school begins in August.
- D. "Life After High School"
 - 1. This meeting is to inform the students and their parents of options after graduation.
 - 2. These options include technical school, military service, and college.
 - 3. Information on applications and scholarships will also be available.

III. Parent Center

- A. Hours, weekly schedule, and location of Parenting Center will be identified.
- B. A Parent Center that contains books, videos, and pamphlets will be located in the Media Center.
- C. Cabot High School's Parent Facilitator is Shannon Southard.

IV. School Policies

- A. School policies and procedures do not discourage a parent from visiting the school. Guidelines for both parent and community volunteers will be developed.
- B. Staff development requirements include a minimum of two hours for teachers and three hours for administrators in effective parent involvement strategies.
- C. The school's process for resolving parental concerns is published in the Cabot Public School's Secondary Handbook under *Appeals Procedure*.
- D. The policy for classroom visitation during school is published in the Cabot Public School's Secondary Handbook *Visitors to the School*. Volunteers should ALWAYS get a Visitor's Badge and sign in with the front office personnel.

V. Arkansas ACT 307

- A. All components of ACT 307 will be implemented.
- B. These components include the following: parental involvement meetings, informational packets, volunteer resource book, seminars to inform parents about how to be involved with decisions, maintain an active Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO), and appoint a parent facilitator.