

Cabot High School Parental Involvement Plan

2014-2015

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

- CHS Website with teacher websites make available to parents important classroom and academic information (Kim Cook, August 2014 – May 2015).
- Cabot Public Schools' utilizes Home Access Center (HAC) to give parents the ability to access their child's grades using a provided username and password (Chuck Johnson, Christy Rogers, & Melissa Bulice, HAC Facilitators; Classroom teachers; August 2014 – May 2015).
- CHS provides report cards to parents every 9 week grading period with information regarding their child's academic progress (Patti Patrom, Registrar; August 2014 – May 2015).

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

- CHS will offer parents the opportunity to attend parental involvement meetings throughout the school year. These meetings will provide information to help parents enhance their child's education, as well as to provide opportunities to volunteer/ help support their child's classroom/school (Shannon Southard, Parental Involvement Coordinator; August 2014 - March 2015).
- CHS will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Henry Hawkins, Principal; Charlotte Sandage, Alana Graham, Randy Granderson, Brad Tarvin, Assistant Principals; Ronnie Tollett, Dean of Students, Jill Weir, Media Specialist; August 2014 - May 2015)
 - New Student/Sophomore Orientation Seminars
 - Open House
 - Pre-AP & AP Parent Meeting
 - CHS Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) Meetings
 - Booster Clubs (Band, Choir, Forensics, Athletics)
 - Clubs/Organizations (Student Council, Builders Club, NJHS, FBLA)
 - Financial Aid Night
 - Transition Fair

Goal 3: Cabot High School will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

- CHS will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents, encouraging them to become involved in the school (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2014 - May 2015).
- CHS will offer brief training sessions that will provide parents with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Martha Guinn, Secretary; August 2014 - May 2015).
- 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.
 - Cabot School District Parental Involvement Keynote Speaker: Jack Berckemeyer August 14, 2014 (Henry Hawkins, Principal)

Goal 5: Cabot High School will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school-wide school improvement plan.

- School Improvement planning committees (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2014 – May 2015).
- 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 (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Henry Hawkins, Principal; August 2014 – May 2015).
- Cabot High School Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO) offers parents and community members the opportunity to be involved with the school (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2014 – May 2015).

Goal 6: Cabot High School will provide resources for parents.

- Create/maintain a Parent Center. CHS Media Center is always available for parents to checkout materials, use computers to check grades, and/or visit educational web sites. A suggestion sheet will be available for parental input. The resource center is open at hours

convenient to parents. Most activities in the main building that extend the school day also extend the hours of the Media Center (Shannon Southard & Jill Weir, Library Media Specialists; August 2014 – May 2015).

- To promote and support responsible parenting, CHS shall, as funds are available, purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library. These materials are available for parents to check out (Shannon Southard & Jill Weir, Library Media Specialists; August 2014 – May 2015).
- CHS will distribute informational packets each year that include a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions for ways parents can become involved in their children'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 (Shannon Southard, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Henry Hawkins, Principal; August 2015).
- Cabot Public School District's handbook does include the process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions (District Officials, August 2014 – 2015).
- CHS Principal will appoint a Parent Involvement Coordinator (Henry Hawkins, Principal; August 2014).

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