

Cabot Junior High North Parental Involvement Plan

2014-2015

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

- The CJHN school website will make available to parents school information and announcements. (Karen Rodriguez, Secretary; August 2014-May 2015)
- The school district's grading program, Home Access Center (HAC), will allow parents the ability to access their child's grades using a provided username and password. (Ben Lippert and Rene Embrey, HAC Facilitators; Classroom Teachers; August 2014-May 2015)
- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis by phone or e-mail to communicate about their child's progress. (Classroom Teachers; Michael Byrd, Principal; Nicole Gatewood and David Howard, Assistant Principals; August 2014-May 2015)
- CJHN will provide report cards to parents every grading period with information regarding their child's academic progress. (Cecilia Edwards, Registrar; August 2014-May 2015)

Goal 2: Cabot Junior High North 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.

- CJHN 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. (Jessica Moser, Parental Involvement Coordinator; September 2014, March 2015)
- Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms, providing information regarding their child's grades and assignments, explanations of homework and grading procedures, and suggestions to help coordinate school-parent efforts to support their children. (Classroom Teachers; Michael Byrd, Principal; October 14 and 16, 2014; March 17 and 19, 2015; 3:30-7:00 PM)
- CJHN will work with CMSN to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities. CJHN will host special orientation programs for parents and students to help the transition. Parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers and staff at the end of the school year. (Jessica Moser and Mark Cooper, School Counselors; May 2015)
- CJHN will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Michael Byrd, Principal; Nicole Gatewood and David Howard, Assistant Principals; Velma Jones, Media Specialist; August 2014-May 2015)
 - Open House
 - Parent-school organization

- Booster Clubs (Band, Choir, Forensics, Athletics)
- Clubs/Organizations (Student Council, Builders Club, NJHS, FBLA)
- Boys and Girls Club Luncheon volunteer
- Staffulty Cook-off volunteer
- Library assistant

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

- CJHN 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. Brief training sessions 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. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2014-May 2015)
- CJHN will provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: information on course selection (February 2015), the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, including assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation (Parent Night – May 2015), and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. (Jessica Moser and Mark Cooper, school counselors; 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 (Michael Byrd, Principal)

Goal 4: Cabot Junior High North will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan.

To take advantage of parent and community resources, CJHN will consider recruiting alumni from the school to create a parent/alumni advisory committee to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; August 2014-May 2015)

CJHN will enable the formation of a parent involvement committee that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; September 2014-May 2015)

Goal 5: Cabot Junior High North will provide resources for parents.

- CJHN will create and maintain a parent center. Parents will be encouraged to visit the parent resource center during regular school hours and school events. Parents may also check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; September 2014-May 2015)
- CJHN 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 of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; and Mark Cooper, School Counselor; Packets will be distributed at CJHN Parent/Teacher Conferences October 14 and 16, 2014 and are also available in the Parent Resource Center.)
- To promote and support responsible parenting, CJHN 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. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; Velma Jones, Media Specialist; August 2014-May 2015)
- 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. (Michael Byrd, Principal; August 2014)

Goal 6: Cabot Junior High North will use parent interest surveys to select, plan, and implement parental activities that will be offered throughout the year.

- CJHN will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey 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. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; October 14 and 16, 2014)
- CJHN will use the results of parent interest survey to help plan parental involvement activities for the year. (Jessica Moser, Parent Involvement Coordinator; November 2014)

Parental Involvement Coordinator: Jessica Moser

Parental Involvement Committee: Michael Byrd, Principal; Nicole Gatewood and David Howard, Assistant Principals; Mark Cooper, School Counselor; Cari Beaver, Parent, Diane Chapman, Parent; Lori Davis, Parent; Sonia Worsham, Parent