

Cabot Junior High South Parental Involvement Plan

Cabot Junior High South (CJHS) is dedicated to the effective education of all students. We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life and know that the family plays an integral role in the educational success of all children. 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 together as knowledgeable partners to attain success. CJHS is committed to effective parental involvement.

- I. **Program Components:** To support the belief of the Cabot Public Schools that the schools' parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The CJHS Grades 7-9 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.
 - A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement: CJHS 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 CJHS patrons
 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 such as Student Council, Builder's Club, Science Club, ROTC, Individuals Need Kindness Club (INK), FFA, FBLA, 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, examples School Improvement, Literacy, Math, ACSIP, etc.
 - e. 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.
 - f. Parents will be surveyed regarding their abilities and interests as volunteers.
 - g. 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 through various ways such as daily announcements, CJHS website, K-12 Online.
 - b. Parents and students will receive school entry orientation as well as information about school improvement and school performance on benchmark testing through an Open House, Transition Night, Registration Parent Information Meeting, Report to the Public.
4. Resource Materials
- a. Guidance offices/parent centers will provide parents with information to assist students in educational planning
 - b. Parenting skills, interventions, and healthy lifestyles information will be available through guidance offices/parent centers
 - c. Parent Center Materials
 - d. Handbooks
 - e. District/School websites
 - f. Family Information Brochures
 - g. Library Materials
 - h. Parent Tip Cards
 - i. Pinnacle
 - j. Teacher Websites
5. Recognition of Parents:
- a. A notice of thanks will be published in local newspapers to all parents who participate in both parent/teacher conferences.

b. Parent recognition events will be organized to thank volunteers and/or community partners, e.g. luncheons, certificates.

II. Information Family Kits: Parent Information Kits containing school information will be furnished to each family at the beginning of the school year. Each envelope/kit will contain:

- a. Jennifer Bates has been identified as the Parental Involvement Facilitator for CJHS.
- b. School telephone number, website address, Pinnacle information
- c. Responsibilities of the parent, student, teacher, and school
- d. List of ways parents may be involved at school and in their child's education
- e. A district calendar of activities planned throughout the year to encourage parental involvement
- f. Dates of parent/teacher conferences/CAP Conferences
- g. Parent Resource Information
- h. A description of the system which allows parents and teachers to communicate in an effective manner
- i. Hours and location of parent center will be included.

III. Parent Center: A Parent Resource Center is located on the CJHS campus in three different locations: in the library, the front entrance hallway, and in Jennifer Bates' office in the counseling center. The Parent Centers are open during school hours.

IV. School Policies: CJHS encourages parental involvement and participation.

- a. The policy regarding checkout procedures of children is published in the Cabot Public School Secondary Handbook under *Checkout Policy*.
- b. The policy for classroom visitation during school is published in the Cabot Public School Secondary Handbook under *Visitors to the School*.
- c. The school's process for resolving parental concerns is published in the Cabot Public School Secondary Handbook under *Appeals Procedure*.

V. Parent Involvement 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 to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school. Presently, the Parental Facilitator at CJHS is Jennifer Bates, who may be contacted at 501-743-3573 or at Jennifer.Bates@cps.k12.ar.us.