

CMSN Parental Involvement Plan Mid-Level

Philosophy: We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life.

We believe:

A child's education is a responsibility shared by school staff and family the entire time they are in school.

Families and school staff must work as knowledgeable partners.

Families must play a positive role in providing for student access.

I Program Components *

To support the belief of the Cabot Public Schools, the schools' parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The 5-6 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement*

Cabot Secondary Schools will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni, and community.

1. Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee*

a. The above committee will develop a Parental Involvement Plan. *

b. The plan will be disseminated to all district patrons. *

c. The Parental Involvement Plan will be published on the district web site.

2. Volunteer Plan*

a. Parents will participate in Quarterly Stakeholders Town Meetings and Monthly PTO meetings.

b. Parents will participate in building level activities.

c. Parents will share expertise in content related areas.

d. Parents will participate on site-based committees.

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. Parents Nights

b. Information about student performance activities will be provided for parents.

c. Parents and students will receive school entry orientation as well as information about school improvement and school performance on benchmark testing (Open House, Orientation Night, and 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. *

5. Recognition of Parents *

- a. A notice of thanks will be published in local newspapers and through social media to all parents who participate in both parent-teacher conferences. *
- b. Parent recognition events will be organized to thank volunteers and/or community partners.

II Information –Family Kits*

- 1. Rita House has been identified as the Parent Facilitator for CMSN in the Cabot Public School District. *
- 2. School handbook & school/district calendar will be available in the Parent Information Center.
- 3. Contact information for parents about each school will be provided, e.g., facilitators, volunteers, and school personnel. *
- 4. Information will be given regarding location of helpful parent materials
- 5. The location of parent center will be located in the main hallway across from the office.

III Parent Information Center *

- 1. Hours, weekly schedule, and location of parent center will be identified. *
- 2. Name, location and contact telephone number(s) of facilitator will be provided.

IV School Policies*

- 1. School policies/procedures do not discourage a parent from visiting the school. Each school will develop guidelines and procedures for parent visitation. *
- 2. Staff development requirements will include a minimum of two hours for teachers and three hours for administrators in effective parent/involvement strategies.

V 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 and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school. Name, location, and contact telephone number(s) will be provided