

Descriptor Term:

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

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Parents play a crucial role in the success of their children in school, and the Rogers Public Schools encourages parents to be full partners in the education of their children. To help accomplish this goal, the district has developed a parental involvement plan at both the district and school levels. Each year teachers are required to have two hours of professional development on effective parental involvement strategies and administrators are required to have two hours of professional development on strategies and leadership.

District Responsibilities

- Maintain district web site.
- Publish district contact information.
- Maintain and publish the procedure for resolution of parent concerns.
- Compensate certified staff members who serve as parent facilitators in each building.
- Recognize parents for their involvement.
- Submit the plan to the Arkansas Department of Education by October 1 each year.

School Responsibilities

- Develop a school parental involvement plan.
- Maintain school web site.
- Include the following in age-/grade appropriate family packets:
 - Description of the school's parent involvement program;
 - List of ways for parents to become involved in the school's programs;
 - List of activities planned to encourage parent involvement during the school year;
 - Description of how parents, teachers, and administrators can communicate effectively;
 - The recommended role of parent, student, teacher and school;
 - A description of the district's and school's parent involvement plan; and
 - A survey for parents regarding their interest in volunteer opportunities including the option of volunteering one time per year or helping from home.
- Develop a volunteer plan and a volunteer resource book.
- Establish a parent resource center and purchase appropriate materials for parent use.
- Schedule flexible parent involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the school and an overview of:
 - What students will be learning;
 - How students will be assessed;
 - What parents should expect for their child's education;
 - How a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child's education;
 - How parents can incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities at home; and
 - Inform parents about the school's participation in Title I, the requirements of the program, and the right of parents to be involved during an annual meeting.
- Appoint a certified staff member as the parent facilitator each year.
- Include school parent involvement plan in the school's Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (ACSIP).
- Consider recruiting an alumni advisory commission for each school.

- Involve parents in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, the parental involvement plan, and the school-wide Title I program.
- Provide parents opportunities to make suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their children.
- Form a school-parent compact at Title I schools outlining the partnership between students, staff and parents to improve student achievement, support students and provide high-quality curriculum and instruction as well as addressing the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an on-going basis through conferences, progress reports and access to staff along with opportunities to volunteer and observe classroom activities.
- Include the concern resolution process in the student handbook and/or information packet.

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