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JASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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School Parent Involvement Policy

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Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement*. Austin, TX: SEDL.**

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Please answer the following questions.

District

Jasper School District

School Improvement Status

Needs Improvement - Literacy and Mathematics

Grade Levels

K-6

Parent Involvement Coordinator

Dwayne Barnard

Are you Title I Schoolwide?

- Yes
 No
 N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch

72.8%

Parent Involvement Committee Members

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name

Dwayne Barnard

Last Name

Barnard

Position

Elementary Counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Waynetta

Last Name
Villines

Position
Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name
Katrina

Last Name
Davidson

Position
Parent

Enter committee members

First Name
Dessa

Last Name
Emerson

Position
Parent

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school will distribute a monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and upcoming events. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

The school will provide a School Messenger system to inform parents of meetings and important announcements. David Dunlap 446-5320

The school will provide parents with a Username and Password to access their child's grades and assignments in the Home Access Center.

The school will provide a Web site to house classroom Web pages where parents can access their child's classroom announcements. Margie Rutledge 466-2223

Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff. japer.k12.ar.us

The school will provide to parents a variety of reports and/or report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming events. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

The school will use the student handbook and school web site to inform parents about the Title 1 school wide plan.

The school will provide a parent survey to determine school satisfaction. David Dunlap 446-5320

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

The school will hold an "Open House" for parents at each grade level to inform about the schools expectations at each grade level on August 14, 2014 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Individual teachers, David Dunlap 446-5320

Two Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled annually September 18, 2014 2:30 to 7 p.m. and February 05, 2015 2:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions each teacher is using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Individual teachers
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The school will have an Awards Assembly the Thursday after Report Cards are distributed each quarter.

The school will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Reading Helper

Teacher assistant

Tutor

Awards day presentation

Field day volunteers

Parent-school organization

School band concerts

In order to participate in the various scheduled activities, parents will be invited by the sponsoring teacher at an appropriate date prior to the event. If parents have questions, they can contact the Jasper Elementary office at 446-5320 and leave a message with the secretary. The sponsoring teacher will get in touch with the parent as a follow up.

The school will host a Transition Night to inform parents of what to expect and how to help their 6th graders transition into 7th grade. Dwayne Barnard and Waynetta Villines 446-5320

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

The school will host a Transition Night to inform parents of what to expect and how to help their 6th graders transition into 7th grade. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's new teachers during this meeting. Dwayne Barnard and Waynetta Villines 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT – Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education (Parent Kit). David Dunlap 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development) 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 understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer that 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. Parent Involvement Coordinators and Administrators, Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

The school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT – 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. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT - The school shall allow the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization, (if parents are interested), that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

STATE REQUIREMENT - The school will distribute Informational packets via the handbook each year that includes 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, 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 (notes, phone calls, e-mail...). David Dunlap 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT - To promote and support responsible parenting, the school 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. Kristi James 446-2223

The District Parent Center has a variety of resources for parents and is available upon request. Dwayne Barnard 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT – 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. David Dunlap 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT – The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Dwayne Barnard, Elementary School Parent Facilitator 446-5320

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff.

A Comprehensive Needs Assessment will be administered. Survey Instrument David Dunlap 446-5320

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The school will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan and conduct activities of interest to parents. Based upon survey results, parent involvement activities will be developed and scheduled at appropriate times. Melissa Parks 446-5320

STATE REQUIREMENT – Sponsor seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities. NA for Jasper Elementary

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

For each Title I, Part A School, an Annual Title I Meeting will be conducted prior to the Thanksgiving break, each year. The agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting will be generated separately from any other event and will be kept on file in the school's office. David Dunlap 446-5320

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