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Gosnell Elementary School (Gosnell School District)
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Blytheville AR 72315
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School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

Hint

District
Gosnell

School Improvement Status
Needs Improvement

Grade Levels
K-6

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Ashley Bowdler

Are you Title I Schoolwide?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch
73.8%

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Jennifer

Last Name
Hardesty

Position
Parent

Enter committee members

First Name
Deborah

Last Name
Wammack

Position
Elementary Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Laura

Last Name
Weiss

Position
Parent/Alumni

Enter committee members

First Name

Tina

Last Name

Godsey

Position

Elementary Assistant Principal/Alumni

Enter committee members

First Name

Tiffany

Last Name

Kennemore

Position

Elementary Assistant Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Julie

Last Name

Wilson

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Kevin

Last Name

Evans

Position

Assistant Superintendent of Gosnell Schools

Enter committee members

First Name

Elizabeth

Last Name

Bryce

Position

Director of Special Services/Alumni

Enter committee members

First Name

Kristen

Last Name

Parker

Position

Parent/Alumni

Enter committee members

First Name

Heidi

Last Name

Moore

Position

Parent Center Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name

Ashley

Last Name

Bowdler

PositionParent Center Facilitator/Alumni

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

1. Effective communication is vital to every relationship. With that in mind, Gosnell Elementary School will use the following communication tools to provide parents information of upcoming events and other information that is beneficial to all parents: Newsletters, mailings, public address announcer/radio at athletic events, e-mail, Blackboard Connect mass notification system, public meetings, HAC (Home Access Center), Web page-www.gosnellschool.net, marquee sign, local businesses, newspaper, and radio advertisements.
2. Inform parents of student progress and/or scores on state-mandated assessments through mailing that contain individual score and school's performance.
3. Inform parents regarding remediation plans for students who score below the ready (proficient) level on the state-mandated assessment. The school will also provide opportunities for the parent to be involved in developing an academic improvement plan for their child.
4. The school will host Parent/Family nights to provide information pertinent to academic success, to showcase student literary achievements to improve health/nutrition within the home, and other safeguards relevant to responsible parenting.
5. Hold annual public meetings to ensure that the parents/guardians are given a report on the state of the school.
6. Schedule regular "Parents Make the Difference Evenings" to help the parents/guardians understand the expectations of learning that will take place at Gosnell Elementary School, how each student will be assisted, and how each parent can assist to make a difference in their child's education.
7. Engage in other activities to help parents/guardians assist in their child's education.
8. *Report cards will be sent home at the conclusion of each quarter. At the conclusion of the 1st and 3rd quarters, the parents will pick up the report cards during the parent-teacher conferences. At the conclusion of the 2nd and 4th quarters, the report cards will be sent home by student or by mail.

*Progress reports will be sent home four times per year during the mid-point of each quarter.

*Parents can access HAC (Home Access Center) reports on daily basis by obtaining and setting up an HAC (Home Access Center) account with the school. Training for HAC (Home Access Center) can be obtained through the Parent Center. HAC (Home Access Center) is also available on smartphones and other devices by downloading the eSchoolPLUS Family app. Parents will be notified about the FREE app and encouraged to download it.

*Teachers will also send home communication folders on a regular basis.
9. The person responsible for all of the actions listed above is Ashley Bowdler, District Parental Involvement Facilitator, who can be reached at 870-532-4010.

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.)

1. Gosnell Elementary School will schedule no less than two parent/guardian teacher conferences per school year. Parents are encouraged to attend these conferences to meet with teachers to pick up student's report cards, to discuss academic issues, progress in reading comprehension, HAC (Home Access Center) (Gosnell Elementary's academic reporting system), and any other matters that will help and support academic and student growth. The following dates have been scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year:

End of First Nine Weeks:

October 18, 2016 3:30-6:30 p.m.

October 20, 2016 3:30-6:30p.m.

End of Third Nine Weeks:

March 14, 2017 3:30-6:30 p.m.

March 16, 2017 3:30-6:30 p.m.

2. Inform parents of student progress and/or scores on state-mandated assessments through mailing that contain individual score and school's performance.
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5. Gosnell Elementary School will not at any time implement any policy or procedure that will discourage parents or guardians from visiting the school. Parents/guardians are to report to the Elementary School office for a visitor's pass and are welcome at any time. Gosnell Elementary School will publish a volunteer resource book which lists the interest and availability of volunteers for school staff member's use. Gosnell Elementary School encourages the formation of a PTA/PTO organization to help in school improvement. Gosnell Elementary School welcomes any input to help improve our school for our community.
6. Gosnell Elementary School will encourage Alumni to be involved in school activities and to provide advice and guidance for school improvement for GES. Gosnell Elementary School will participate in activities, which will strengthen the ties between the school and community.
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3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

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

Parents that are a part of the parental involvement committee work in conjunction with school officials to update the School-Parent-Compact every Spring based on survey results. Each Fall parents are given a copy to sign and return.

Gosnell School, the parents of students participating in activities, services and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and participating students, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

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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?

Parents are randomly chosen and invited to be on the ACSIP/Title I committee. These parents (Jessica McBride, Liz Cato, Mistie Hammock, Jennifer Orton, Sana Finch, Kim Sanders, Michelle Turner, and Latoya Cullins), along with teachers and administrators meet every year to discuss the ACSIP and Title I. The plans are reviewed for implementation and effectiveness. The person responsible for this meeting is Elizabeth Bryce, who can be reached at 870-532-4040.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

1. Notify parents of available parenting materials available through the parent center and libraries.
2. To encourage communication with parents/guardians, Gosnell Elementary School will provide a Family Information Packet—appropriate for the age and grade of each child—which describes the following:
 1. The school's parent/guardian involvement policy.
 2. The recommended roles of the parents/guardians, students, teachers, and administration.
 3. Options for the parents/guardians to become involved in the child's school and total educational program.
 4. Activities planned throughout the school year to encourage parent/guardian involvement.
 5. A system to permit parents/guardians and teachers to communicate in a regular, two way communication, meaningful manner with their child's teachers and principal.
 6. The Family Information Packet will be available on the school's website for parents and stakeholders to access at any time.
3. Gosnell Elementary School will provide vital parenting information that is available to all parents through the district's Parent Center. The parent center is located in the Gosnell Elementary School K-2 Building, Room 6. This is located across from the District's Administration office. The Parent Center Hours are Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
4. Gosnell Elementary School adheres to the District's Grievance Policy found on pages 70-73 in the Gosnell Public Schools Student Handbook. Gosnell Elementary school wants to resolve all conflict as soon and as quickly as a problem arises to ensure the best solution can be made for its students. Parents/Guardians will be informed on how to be involved in the decisions that affect the education process of their child through orientations, seminars, and other activities the school determines that would be beneficial to the parents/guardians through active parental involvement.
6. Gosnell Elementary School will designate a certified staff member (compensated by school funds) for the purpose of organizing meaningful training for the staff and parents/guardians for the purpose of promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parents in the school. We recognize parental involvement in our school is an asset.
7. The person responsible for all of the actions listed above is the District Parental Involvement Facilitator, Ashley Bowdler, who can be contacted at 870-532-4010.

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

1. This policy will be reviewed each Spring and an updated policy will be filed with the Department of Education by October 1st of each year.
2. Parents are surveyed prior to the Parental Involvement committee meetings and the data is analyzed by other parents and faculty members during the meeting. The results are discussed with the committee as a part of the evaluation process.
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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?

1. Parent involvement volunteer survey forms will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. The parent involvement coordinator will use the surveys to make a list of parents who would like to volunteer at the school. Parents who wish to volunteer will receive training from the administrators and/or other qualified Gosnell School staff. Teachers will receive the lists of active volunteers. In addition to the surveys, the school will invite parents to participate for specific events such as: (classroom parties, book fairs, Education week, academic awards, concerts, art shows, athletic events, etc.). Parents are always appreciated and encouraged to be involved in their child's school life.

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.)

An annual Title I meeting will be held every fall and spring. Members of the community (Jessica McBride, Liz Cato, Mistie Hammock, Jennifer Orton, Sana Finch, Kim Sanders, Michelle Turner, and Latoya Cullins) along with school employees will discuss Title I, federal funding, etc. All agendas, sign-in sheets, and minutes will be kept for all meetings. This meeting is held separately from all other meetings that are held at Gosnell Schools.

The meeting's facilitator and the person responsible is Elizabeth Bryce, who can be reached by calling 870-532-4040.

****After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***