

Nemo Vista Middle School (NEMO VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT)
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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

District
Nemo Vista Middle School

Grade Levels
6-8

Building Facilitator and District Coordinator
Kyle Payne

Title I Status
 Schoolwide
 Targeted Assistance
 Non-Title I School

Percent of free and reduced lunch
63.04%

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

Kyle Payne – Parent Involvement Chair	Melissa Bennett – Food Service worker
Melissa Eller – Parent	Beth DeSalvo – Parent
Mark Andrews – Dean of Students	James Bradshaw – Bus Driver, Mechanic

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction. The school will distribute a weekly newsletter to parents that is developed to include school news, a calendar of school activities, and additional information for parents. Each teacher will have his or her own web page on the school website in which parents can see what the lesson objectives and goals are each week. The school will have regularly scheduled progress reports and parent teacher conferences in which parents will be updated on their child's performance. We have purchased the eSchool program to aid teachers and parents with open communication about students' academic progress. Nemo Vista Middle School also utilizes a parent notification system, Remind 101, that keeps parents informed of school closings, parent teacher conferences, open house, public meetings, and other important events. Information is also placed on the school marquee sign along Highway 9 in front of the school. The local newspaper, the "Petit Jean County Headlight", and KVOM radio station are used to promote and announce events and activities at Nemo Vista Middle School.

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 parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Parent teacher conferences for 2016-2017 were held on September 15, 2016 and February 9, 2017. The attendance for September 15, 2016, was 83%. The attendance of February 9, 2017 was 85%.

Our first parent teacher conference for 2017-2018 was held on September, 14, 2017, and yielded a 91% attendance.

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

The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during open house. Nemo Vista Middle School will 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. The staff at Nemo Vista Elementary will receive no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than 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.

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

Not applicable

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?

A parent and family engagement committee will meet at the end of the year to review the parent and family engagement plan.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

A parent center is available to provide parents will materials and information packets to utilize in assisting thier children with academic improvement and emotional and social needs. There are also parent resources on the school website that parents have access to anytime. Nemo Vista Middle School will distributed informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parent and family engagement 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, parent and family engagement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate. 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. Nemo Vista has included 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. The principal of each school in a school district shall designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the middle school parent and family engagement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parent and family engagement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

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

The school will use the results of the parent survey to plan or modify activities for the upcoming year. If any areas of the parent survey are low and seem alarming, that specific area will be addressed by the Parent and Family Engagement Committee to see what can be done to improve.

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.)

Not applicable

**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.*