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Nemo Vista Middle School 5690 Highway 9 Center Ridge AR 72027 501-893-6494

### **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
<b>District</b> Nemo Vista Middle School
School Improvement Status 2013-2014 Needs Improvement in Math
<b>Grade Levels</b> 6-8
Parent Involvement Coordinator Kyle Payne
Are you Title I Schoolwide?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No  ☐ N/A
Percent of free and reduced lunch 66%
Parent Involvement Committee Members (Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add addtional team members)  Enter committee members
First Name Kyle
<b>Last Name</b> Payne
Position Parent Involvement Chair
Enter committee members
First Name Mark
<b>Last Name</b> Andrews
Position Dean of Students
Enter committee members
First Name Logan
<b>Last Name</b> Williams
Position Dean of Students/ALE

### **Enter committee members** First Name lames **Last Name** Bradshaw Position Bus Driver, Mechanic **Enter committee members** First Name Melissa **Last Name** Bennett Position Cafeterria Worker **Enter committee members** First Name Melissa **Last Name** Eller Position Parent **Enter committee members** First Name Kristv Last Name Charton 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 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 marque 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 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.)

Parent teacher conferences for 2014-2015 were held on September, 17, 2014, with a 82% attendence, November 19, 2014, with a 42% attendence, February 5, 2015, with a 56% attendence, and April 24, 2015, with a 30% attendence. Parent teacher conferences for the 2015-2016 school year are scheduled for Setember 17, 2015, November 19, 2015, February 11, 2016, and April 19, 2016. The attendence for September 17 was 76%.

## 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?

Not applicable

#### 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 emoitional and social needs. There are also parent resources on the school website that parents have access to 24/7.

### 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 middle school parental involvement 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 parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement 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 parental involvement 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 Parental Involvement 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.