

Section 2
Parent Information Section

Dear Parents or Guardians:

This handbook is a summary of the policies of the Nemo Vista School District as adopted by the Nemo Vista Board of Education at a meeting of the school board on Thursday, July, 2005 and revised the following: (June, 2008) (June, 2009) (June, 2010) (May, 2011) (June, 2011) (June, 2012) (June, 2013) (June, 2014) (June, 2015) (July, 2015) (May, 2016) (June, 2016) (Jan. 2017) (April 2017) (June 2017) (July 2018) (June 2019) (July 2020) (June 2021) (June 2022) (July 2023) (July 2024). The adopted policies cover all Kindergarten through the Twelfth grades in the Nemo Vista School District.

A committee of teachers, staff members, parents, and students was involved in the development and revision of these policies.

Parents must sign and return a Statement of Responsibility indicating that they have received a copy of the handbook and have read and understood the policies. This form will be kept on file in the principal's office.

Sincerely, Logan Williams Superintendent

Warm Welcome from Nemo Vista Schools:

The educators and personnel at Nemo Vista Elementary School, Nemo Vista Middle School, and Nemo Vista High School extend a heartfelt greeting to you and your children as you join our academic community. We are privileged to belong to a school district where parental involvement is highly valued, reflecting a shared dedication to delivering exceptional educational experiences. The faculty and staff at Nemo Vista Elementary, Middle, and High Schools are fully dedicated to ensuring a high standard of education for all students.

This commitment is expressed in our schools' mottos:

Nemo Vista Elementary: Be respectful, Be responsible, Be engaged. No excuses! Find a way!

Nemo Vista Middle School: Every Child Every Chance.

Nemo Vista High School: Success for Tomorrow Through Education Today.

Sincerely,

Nemo Vista K-12th Grade Faculty and Staff

Parental/Community Involvement

School Board Policy: 6.12---PARENTAL, Family, and Community Engagement - School

Nemo Vista School understands the importance of involving parents and the community in promoting higher student achievement and general goodwill between the school and those it serves. Therefore, Nemo Vista School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in mutually beneficial partnerships with the school, students, parents, and the community.

To achieve such ends, the school shall work to

1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school;
2. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPIY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs, and Even Start;
3. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the school's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement;
4. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parent resource centers or other community-based organizations to foster parent and family engagement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
5. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent, family, and community engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents, families, and the community;

6. Keep parents, families, and the community informed about parent, family, and community engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand;
7. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents and families from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
8. Find and modify other successful parent, family, and community engagement programs to suit the needs of our school;
9. Train parents, families, and the community to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents, families, and members of the community;
10. Provide reasonable support for other parent, family, and community engagement activities as parents may reasonably request.

To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, Nemo Vista School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the state's academic standards.

Nemo Vista School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents and families of participating students, to inform parents and families of the school's participation in Title I, its requirements regarding parent, family, and community engagement, and the parent's right to be involved in the education of their child.

Nemo Vista School shall at least annually involve parents, families, and the community in reviewing the school's Title I program and parent, family, and community engagement policy to help ensure their continued improvement.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan, distributed to parents of the district's students, and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318	A.C.A. § 6-15-1704	A.C.A. § 6-15-1702
A.C.A. § 6-28-116	A.C.A. § 6-15-1703	

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6.11—PARENT, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - DISTRICT

The Nemo Vista School District understands the importance of involving parents, families, and the community in promoting higher student achievement and general goodwill between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parent, family, and community engagement that will result in mutually beneficial partnerships with the school, students, parents, families, and the community.

To achieve such ends, the district shall work to:

1. Involve parents, families, and the community in the development of the long-range planning of the district;
2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parent, family, and community engagement activities;

3. Have a coordinated engagement program where the engagement activities of the district enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPIY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs, and Even Start;
4. Explain to parents, families, and the community the State’s academic and achievement standards; State and local student assessments; how the district’s curriculum is aligned with the state’s educational standards and assessments; and how parents, families, and the community can work with the district to improve student's academic achievement;
5. Provide parents and families with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The district may use parent resource centers or other community-based organizations to foster parent and family engagement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
6. Educate district staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent, family, and community engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents, families, and the community;
7. Keep parents, families, and the community informed about parent, family, and community engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand;
8. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents and families from being involved in their child’s education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
9. Find and modify other successful parent, family, and community engagement programs to suit the needs of our district;
10. Train parents, families, and the community to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents, families, and members of the community;
11. Provide reasonable support for other parent, family, and community engagement activities as parents, families, and the community may reasonably request.

To ensure the continued improvement of the district’s parent, family, and community engagement program, the district will conduct an annual review of its parent, family, and community engagement policies to examine their effect on promoting higher student achievement. The review shall be done by a committee consisting of parents and other community members, certified and classified staff, and member(s) of the administration.

This policy shall be part of the school’s Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district’s students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318 A.C.A. § 6-15-1702 A.C.A. § 6-28-116
 A.C.A. § 6-15-1703 A.C.A. § 6-15-1704
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Elementary Title 1:

To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, Nemo Vista Elementary School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State's academic standards.

Nemo Vista Elementary School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents of participating students, to inform parents and families of the school's participation in Title I, its requirements regarding parent, family, and community engagement, and the parent's right to be involved in the education of their child.

Nemo Vista Elementary School shall, at least annually, involve parents, families, and the community in reviewing the school's Title I program and parent, family, and community engagement policy to help ensure their continued improvement.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318 A.C.A. § 6-15-1702 A.C.A. § 6-15-1703 A.C.A. § 6-15-1704

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans

And Family and Community Engagement Commissioner's Memo COM-20-021

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**Nemo Vista Elementary
School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2024-2025**

Nemo Vista Elementary is committed to providing a quality education for all students and recognizing parents' essential role and the value of their input. The mission of our School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan is to describe programs and practices in place at Nemo Vista Elementary that create and support active parental involvement and meet the needs of students and their families. Nemo Vista encourages parents to become actively involved in their child's education. To achieve such ends, Nemo Vista Elementary shall work to:

1. Provide parents with the opportunity to have input in the School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan at their child's school.
 - Provide parents with a copy of the school's School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan via the school registration packet, Student Handbook, and Open House, and attach it to the Parent's Newsletter at the beginning of each semester.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to give input and suggestions for revision of the school plan through grade-level informational meetings and the general meeting during Open House.
 - Provide parents with a copy of the District's School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan via website.
 - Provide parents with a copy of the Elementary School, Parent, and Family Engagement Plan via the school district website.
2. Explain to parents the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments, how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to attend grade-level informational meetings to explain curriculum, assessment, and expectations.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to attend Literacy and Math Nights to understand the State's achievement tests, and how they align with Nemo Vista's curriculum.

- Provide parents with opportunities to meet with the principal, counselor, and teachers to discuss their child's standardized test scores.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to meet with their child's RTI team to discuss and establish a plan of remediation.
3. Provide an opportunity for parents and Nemo Vista Elementary to jointly develop a School-Parent Compact that is to be implemented annually and shall include: the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment; how each parent will be responsible for supporting their child's learning; and addressing the importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents.
 - Review the School-Parent Compact annually for revisions by the Parent/Teacher Involvement Task Force.
 - Provide opportunities to review the Compact with parents during grade-level informational meetings and Open House general meetings.
 4. Keep parents informed about parental engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in.
 - Notify parents through weekly newsletters from the elementary principal's office.
 - Notify parents through monthly newsletters and calendars of upcoming events from the elementary parent facilitator.
 - Notify parents through monthly or quarterly PTO meetings.
 - Notify parents through the school district's marquee.
 - Notify parents through Petit Jean Country Headlight (local newspaper).
 - Notify parents through the district website.
 - Notify parents through Remind 101
 5. Coordinate an involvement program where the school's involvement activities enhance other programs' involvement strategies.
 - Coordinate activities between ABC for School Success, Nemo Vista Fee Paying Preschool, and Nemo Vista Elementary.
 - Coordinate activities between the Conway County Head Start and the Nemo Vista Elementary.
 - Incorporate Math, Science, and Literacy Night with PTO
 - Coordinate PTO sign-up with elementary Open House.
 6. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve.
 - Provide eSchool (Online grade program) training for parents.
 - Provide basic computer training for parents.
 - Provide Website information for parents.
 - Provide instructional materials for parents to check out to use with their child.
 - Provide a list of materials and magazines for parents to check out.
 - Provide a computer station in the elementary library for parents to use during school hours and twice every nine weeks during after-hours.
 - Provide "How to Videos" for parents to reference to on the following: Checking AR Points, Grades in eSchool, and IXL, etc.
 7. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents through weekly newsletters.

- Teachers will communicate with parents through papers sent by the red communication folders weekly.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents if requested by emailing.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents if requested by texting and/or phone calls.
8. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education.
- Two (2) Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled throughout the school year.
 - Alternative times and dates for parent/teacher conferences will be individually scheduled with parents unable to attend the regularly scheduled conferences.
 - Phone conferences will be held with parents throughout the year as needed.
9. Find and modify other successful parent and community engagement programs to suit the needs of our school.
- Nemo Vista Elementary will involve parents and grandparents in the Grandparents' Day Program.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will honor community members during the Veterans' Day Program.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will involve parents, grandparents, and community members in honoring Accelerated Readers with Splash Day.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will invite parents, grandparents, and community members to the annual 5th & 6th grade track meet, K-1st grade track meet, and 2nd-4th grade track meet.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will invite parents, grandparents, and community members to the End-of-year Prek-5th Grade Honor Awards Assembly.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will invite parents and community members to read to classes.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will invite parents, grandparents, and community members to the Science Fair Night.
 - Nemo Vista Elementary will invite parents and grandparents to Math, Science, and Literacy Night.
 - Banner on School Fence for Veteran's Day and Veteran's Day Program
10. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents.
11. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.
- Nemo Vista Elementary School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents of participating students, to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, its requirements regarding parental involvement, and the parent's right to be involved in the education of their child.

Nemo Vista Elementary School shall, at least annually, involve parents, family, and community in reviewing the school's Title I program and parent, family, and community engagement policy to help ensure their continued improvement.

This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided to the extent practicable, in language the parents can understand.

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Nemo Vista Middle School
School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2024-2025

The administration, staff, and school board of **Nemo Vista Middle School** are committed to providing a quality education for all students and recognizing parents' essential role and the value of their input in their child's educational experience. At NVMS we realize that parents are the first teachers a child encounters, and we wish to capitalize on that valuable resource. The mission of our School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan is to describe programs and practices in place at Nemo Vista Middle School that create and support active parental involvement and meet the needs of students and their families. Nemo Vista encourages parents to become actively involved in their child's education.

To achieve these goals, Nemo Vista Middle School will work to:

1. Provide parents with the opportunity to have input in the Parental Engagement Plan at their school.
 - Provide parents with a copy of the School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to give input and suggestions for revising the school plan through CAPS meetings and the general meeting during Open House.
 - Have parent representatives on School Improvement Plan committees and other school committees.
 - Yearly parental surveys will be distributed and analyzed to assess the plan and public response to it.
2. Explain to parents the State's content and achievement standards, state and local student assessments, how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement.
 - Provide meetings that help parents understand achievement tests and how they align with the NVMS curriculum.
 - Provide parents with the opportunity to meet with the principal, counselor, and teachers to discuss their child's standardized test scores and the implications for the child's program of study.
 - Provide parents with opportunities to attend informational meetings to learn about curriculum, assessment, and expectations.
3. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities in which they could be involved.
 - Notify parents of important events and activities through memos from the office and newsletters from the parent liaison.
 - Notify parents through PTO meetings.
 - Notify parents through the district's marquee.
 - Notify parents through the Petit Jean Country Headlight.
 - Notify parents through the KVOM radio station.
 - Notify parents through the district website.
 - Notify parents through Remind 101
4. Provide parents with the materials and training that they need to help their child achieve.
 - Provide E-School (online grade program) training for parents.
 - Provide website information for parents.
 - Provide instructional materials for parents to check out and use with their children.
 - Provide a parent center available with information for parents.
5. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work with and communicate with one another and be knowledgeable of how to implement parent engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents by email if requested.

- Teachers will communicate with parents if needed by texting and/or phone calls.
 - Teachers and administrators will receive required training in parental involvement.
6. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education.
 - Two (2) Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled throughout the school year.
 - Alternative times and dates for parent/teacher conferences will be individually scheduled with parents unable to attend the regularly scheduled conferences.
 - Phone conferences will be held with parents throughout the year.
 - Students will be assigned to CAPS advisors who will meet with them and their parents.
 7. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school.
 - Efforts will be taken to utilize parent and community volunteers whenever possible.
 8. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents.
 9. Provide sufficient support for other reasonable parental engagement activities that parents may request.

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Nemo Vista High School
School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2024-2025

The administration, staff, and school board of Nemo Vista High School are committed to providing a quality education for all students and recognizing parents' essential role and the value of their input in their child's educational experience. At NVHS, we realize that parents are the first teachers a child encounters, and we wish to capitalize on that valuable resource. The mission of our School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan is to describe programs and practices in place at Nemo Vista High School that create and support active parental involvement and meet the needs of students and their families. Nemo Vista encourages parents to become actively involved in their child's education.

To achieve these goals, Nemo Vista High School will work to:

1. Provide parents with the opportunity to have input in the School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan at their child's school.
 - i. Provide parents with a copy of the School, Parent and Family Engagement Plan via the school registration packet, the student handbook, and Open House.
 - ii. Provide parents with opportunities to give input and suggestions for revising the school plan through CAPS meetings and the general meeting during Open House.
 - iii. Have parent representatives on SIP committees and other school committees.
 - iv. Yearly parental surveys will be distributed and analyzed to assess the plan and public response.
2. Explain to parents the State's content and achievement standards, state and local student assessments, how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments, and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement.
 - Provide ATLAS meetings that help parents understand the State's achievement tests and how they align with NVHS's curriculum.
 - Provide parents with the opportunity to meet with the principal, counselor, and teachers to discuss their child's standardized test scores and the implications for the child's program of study.

- Provide parents with opportunities to attend informational meetings to learn about curriculum, assessment, and expectations.
3. Keep parents informed about parental engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in.
 - Notify parents of important events and activities through memos from the office and newsletters from the parent liaison.
 - Notify parents through PTO meetings.
 - Notify parents through the district's marquee.
 - Notify parents through the Petit Jean Country Headlight.
 - Notify parents through KVOM radio station.
 - Notify parents through the district website and teacher web pages.
 - Make phone or face-to-face contact with parents as needed.
 - Notify parents through Parent Square.
 4. Provide parents with the materials and training that they need to be able to help their child achieve.
 - Provide eSchool (Online grade program) training for parents.
 - Provide website information for parents.
 - Provide instructional materials for parents to check out to use with their child
 - A parent center is available with information for parents.
 - Hold a financial aid workshop for parents of seniors.
 5. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent engagement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents by email if requested.
 - Teachers will communicate with parents if needed by texting and/or phone calls.
 - Teachers and administrators will receive training in Parent Engagement.
 6. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education.
 - TWO (2) Parent/Teacher Conferences will be scheduled throughout the school year.
 - Alternative times and dates for parent/teacher conferences will be individually scheduled with parents unable to attend the regularly scheduled conferences.
 - Phone conferences will be held with parents throughout the year.
 - Students will be assigned to CAPS advisors who will meet with them and their parents.
 7. Find and modify other successful parent and community engagement programs to suit the needs of our school.
 - Efforts will be taken to utilize parent and community volunteers whenever possible.
 8. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents.
 9. Provide sufficient support for other reasonable parental engagement activities that parents may request.