

## **Deer High School Parent Involvement Plan 2013-2014**

### **Deer Mt Judea School District Grades 7-12**

#### **Parent Involvement Coordinator: Joei Phillips**

**Title I Schoolwide 71.82% free and reduced lunch**

**Parent Involvement Committee Members: Sheryl Breedlove, Dana Ewing, Candy Reynolds, Bobbi Robbins, Miranda Tennison, and Linda Dotson.**

**I. Deer High School will use various communication strategies with parents: Deer High School will distribute a quarterly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the principal, teachers, and the Gifted and Talented staff. It includes school news, health tips, information about school activities and events, recognition of students, study and homework tips, and parenting tips. The school has a Web site which includes the annual calendar, library resources, menus, and online safety tips. Parents may use email to communicate with the school staff and they can also check teacher homepages for schedules, homework assignments, and other information. The Counselor's Corner includes college and scholarship information. As well as homework helpers and book/Character Ed. recommendations. District information per Act 1747, the Acsip Plan, and the Parent Involvement Plan can be found on the web site under Community. The website is meant as a communication resource for students, parents, teachers and the community. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on September 26, 2013 and February 13, 2014 to report student progress. Caps Night will be held April 28, 2014 to involve parents in the decision making process of their students in registering for the coming school year. The school will provide Informational packets for parents that will include expectations, schedules, curriculum information, rules, and general information. Progress reports are sent to the parents the fifth week of each nine week grading period, allowing for parent intervention to help improve student performance. Open House will be held August 15, 2013 to supply information to parents about curriculum requirements, classroom expectations, student assessments, curricular goals for each discipline and encourage time for parents and teachers to visit.**

#### **II. Proposed parent meetings for the 2013-2014 school year:**

- Meetings will include time for parents and staff to meet individually to discuss the needs of their students.**
- Meetings will be held at various times to accommodate parents.**
- Meetings will be held to encourage parent participation and support for student learning.**
- Meetings will be held to show case student success. Open House August 15  
Parent/Teacher Conferences September 26, February 3 Parent Involvement Meeting  
November 14 (6:15 pm) November 21 Epic Movie/Recycling Centers December 13  
January 6 "Bully" the Movie Literacy Night February 13 Valentine Messages Fund  
Raiser and Sweetheart Dance March 10 (6:30) Caps Night April 24 Poetry Out Loud  
Exhibition April 28 Honors Awards Assembly May 8 Athletic Banquet May 13**

**III. Deer High School will provide parents with volunteer opportunities: The school will survey parents about volunteer ideas and opportunities. The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities on the school website and through the newsletter to parents. The 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. (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 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.

IV. Deer High School will create a School-Parent-Student-Compact with the Involvement of a parent committee. The compact outlines how the parents, the entire 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.

V. Deer High School will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school improvement plan to engage them in the decision-making process: • The school will ask parents to serve on review and planning committees. • The school shall enable the formation of a Parent organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. • To take advantage of community resources, the school shall attempt to recruit alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. • Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs.

VI. Deer High School will provide resources for parents: Resources for parents can be found in the Parent Resource Center in high school and elementary. Parents are encouraged to use the parent computer to view the school website or research web sites. Books and pamphlets concerning parenting, college, scholarships, and health information are also available. The school will distribute Informational packets 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 call, e-mail...). 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. 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. The principal of each school will choose (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. Joei Phillips is Parent Facilitator for Deer High School.

VII. The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the parental involvement efforts: Through a parent/staff evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment, school staff and parents will meet to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan and suggest necessary changes. The evaluation process will include (1) growth in number of parents participating in meetings; (2) specific needs of parents (3)

effectiveness of specific strategies, and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

VIII. Deer High School will use the parent interest survey to select, plan, and implement parental involvement activities: The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the end of each school year to gain information from parents. The school will evaluate the results as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation and use the results of the parent survey to plan parental involvement for the following year. The school's counselor will host a parent/student seminar to inform them about career planning, college prep, and scholarship opportunities. 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.

IX. Deer High School will conduct meeting for parents of the students who participate in planning parent involvement for the coming year. The meeting will include a sign-in sheet, agenda and minutes of the meeting.