

FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN 2015-2016

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The Forrest City School District will support programs, activities, and initiatives for the involvement of parents in all Title I, Part A schools, consistent with Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). These programs, activities, and initiatives will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation and involvement from parents of participating students.

Goal 1:

The District will foster effective parental involvement strategies and support partnerships among schools, parents, and the community to improve student achievement by utilizing the six types of involvement- parenting, communication, volunteering, student learning, decision making and community collaboration.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Develop and disseminate district parental involvement policy.
2. Conduct an annual spring meeting to update policy for the next year's Title I, Part A program. (*Contact: Sandra Mills, 870-633-1485 or sandra.mills@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)
3. Involve parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1% of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is allocated, and ensure that no less than 95% of the 1% reserved goes directly to the schools.
4. Coordinate parental involvement activities in conjunction with other programs. Activity ideas will be developed through the use of a parental involvement survey. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)
5. Ensure parental involvement contact persons are identified at each of the Title I, Part A schools in accordance with Arkansas Act 603/307.

Contacts-

- Central Elementary School- Ennie Hardrick, 870-633-2141 or ennie.hardrick@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Stewart Elementary School- Mattie Watson & Mary Allen, 870-633-3248 or mattie.watson@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us & mary.allen@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Lincoln Middle Academy of Excellence- Jana Richey, 870-261-1810 or jana.richey@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City Junior High School- Felicia Kelly, 870-633-3230 or felicia.kelly@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us
- Forrest City High School- Tina Boyles, 870-633-1464 or tina.boyles@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us

6. Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the Title I, Part A parental involvement policy through a survey. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

7. Develop district parental involvement committee to create a parental involvement policy and implement parental involvement activities as well as disseminate information to the community to promote parental involvement in the Title I, Part A schools. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

8. Ensure that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access to information as other parents. This will include providing information in a language and form they can understand.

9. Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of NCLB.

Goal 2:

The District will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

2. Provide materials and training not otherwise available to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement.

3. Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

4. Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. This will include appropriate languages and formats.

5. Provide a copy of the school policy at each school for parents to view as well as provide a copy to each parent.
6. Monitor schools to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:
 - Develops a parental involvement policy.
 - Offers flexible meeting times.
 - Provides information to parents about the school's program, including parent information guides.
 - Develops and uses a School – Parent Compact.
 - Provides training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system in order to have real-time access to their child's attendance and achievement.
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 - Involves parents on committees as participants in decision making capacities.
7. Encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer efforts.
8. Encourage parent participation through innovative scheduling of activities through strategies such as holding meetings at a variety of times (morning and evenings) in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities.

Goal 3:

The District will build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement.

Strategies for reaching goal:

1. Provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A.
(Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us)
2. Assist in the development of parent engagement activities at each school by having regular meetings with parent facilitators.
3. Encourage the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that includes roles for parents.
4. Provide resources for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.
5. Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness.
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6. Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities.

7. Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A parents.

Goal 4:

The District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers of parent participation.

Strategies for reaching this goal:

1. Survey parents annually including questions to identify barriers to parental involvement. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.u*)
2. Provide an opportunity for parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. Parents will be invited to join a parent focus group. This group will evaluate the data collected from the annual survey.
3. Develop procedures for collecting parent participation documentation through sign-in lists for workshops, meetings, and conferences; schedules; brochures; meeting notes; and other means as appropriate throughout the school year.
4. Use findings from evaluation process to:
 - a. Make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revisions
 - b. Provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental involvement. Suggestions will be provided by the parent coordinator and parent facilitator.
5. Develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. (*Contact: Lauren Martin, 870-633-1485 or lauren.martin@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)

Goal 5:

The District will involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP).

Strategies for reaching this goal:

1. Recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. (*Contact: Sandra Mills, 870-633-1485 or sandra.mills@fcsd.grsc.k12.ar.us*)
2. Encourage the formation of partnerships between the district and local businesses that includes roles for parents.

3. Involve parents through an annual survey to improve district effectiveness. These surveys are used to improve district effectiveness with parental involvement.