

Genoa Central Elementary School

Parental Involvement Plan 2015-16

Parent Involvement Committee

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Mission Statement

The Genoa Central School District exists to provide an education to meet the intellectual, social, and emotional development of all the students of our district. We want to provide a nurturing, caring, educational atmosphere where all students can learn to the best of their ability.

Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. A parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family.

Genoa Central Elementary communicates with parents in several ways to promote parental involvement and to support classroom instruction. Communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful.

- Newsletters— Grade levels distribute newsletters which include school news, upcoming events, and other classroom information. A monthly newsletter is

distributed that contains parenting aids that promote success in the classroom such as homework tips and study skills.

- Home Access Center— Parents have access to their child's grades and contact information for their children's teachers. Parents are encouraged to sign up for Home Access Center at a booth during Meet the Teacher.
- Genoa Central School District and Elementary Website—The website contains a calendar of events, special programs, and other pertinent information for parents.
- Academic and Conduct Updates—Parents receive information on their child's progress from teachers via report cards, progress reports, honor roll postcards, and conduct charts.
- Weekly Folders—Each teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school.
- Direct Contact—Teachers routinely contact parents on an individual basis to discuss their child's progress. All parental contacts are logged. Staff is also available for consultation with parents during conference periods and before and after class instruction time.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences—Two conferences are held annually, during the first and third marking periods. Conferences are scheduled during afternoon and evening hours to give parents flexibility and are scheduled on different evenings for each campus so parents of students at multiple schools can attend all conferences. Parents are given reports of student progress and test scores. Teachers can also explain interventions as needed to assist students in reaching achievement goals.
- Test Talks—The meetings are held the first nine weeks to communicate with students and parents and to target weak areas from ACTAAP results.
- Renaissance Place Home Connect—Information is sent home to parents so they can monitor online their child's progress in the Accelerated Reader program. Parents are given the option to have quiz results emailed to them in real time.

Genoa Central Elementary encourages parental involvement by asking for participation in various activities held throughout the school year. Parental involvement encourages students and supports student learning.

- Meet the Teacher Night (August 12)
- Grandparents Day (September 11)
- Test Talk (September 3-4)
- Volunteer Breakfast (September 8)
- Benchmark Fun Day (September 26)
- Family Walk-a-Mile Program (September 29-October 10)
- Book Fair (September 29-October 9 and February 2-12)

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (October 2 and February 12)
- Mother-Son Star Wars Science Night (October 13)
- Blood Drive (November)
- Thanksgiving Play (November 20)
- Classroom Parties (December 18 and February 12)
- Jump-a-thon/Trike-a-thon (March 13/ May)
- Pioneer Days (May)
- Track and Field Day (May)
- Kindergarten Graduation (May 26)
- Awards Assembly (May)
- Music Programs (varies)
- Room parents
- Breakfast/Lunch with students
- Classroom volunteers
- Guest Speakers/Readers

Genoa Central Elementary provides opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the school wide improvement plan and other decision making processes. Community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

- The school will ask parents to serve on the school improvement committee.
- The school will ask parents to serve on the parental involvement committee.
- Encourage parents to join and become involved in the Parent Teacher Organization which fosters parental and community involvement.
- To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
- The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.
- The school will ask parents to serve on the Field Day committee.

Genoa Central Elementary School makes a commitment to encourage parental involvement in all classrooms.

- Teachers are required to attend at least 2 hours of professional development designed to enhance their understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.
- The principal is required to attend at least 3 hours of professional development designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement

strategies and the importance of leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent participation.

- Teachers are encouraged to use the volunteer/interest survey information to utilize parents as volunteers.
- Volunteer training will be offered annually during the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

Genoa Central Elementary provides resources for parents to promote responsible parenting.

- Materials such as parenting books, magazines, videos, brochures, and other parenting materials are available in the Parent Center and Library Media Center to promote and support responsible parenting. These materials are available for parents to check out through the Library Media Specialist/Parent Facilitator. Parents are encouraged to checkout resources during regular library hours. Materials continue to be added to this center as funds allow. For additional information, contact our parent facilitator, Tanya Fowler, at tfowler@dragons.k12.ar.us.
- Home study aids are provided to supplement areas that a student needs as recommended by teachers or requested by parents.
- Information packets are provided each year to parents that include the parent-teacher-student compact, parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, parental involvement activities planned throughout the year, a district calendar, faculty email listing, and parenting brochures.
- Distributing a school handbook to all parents that includes the school's process for resolving parental concerns as well as policies and procedures of our school.
- Parenting brochures are also located in the front hallway.

The school will conduct an Annual Title I Meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program.

- The school will hold an annual Title I meeting on August 12 separate from any other meetings or activities to ensure that they have ample time to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet.