

Genoa Central School District Parent and Family Engagement 2017-2018

Parental Involvement Committee:
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The Genoa Central School District recognizes the need for parental and community involvement as essential to higher student achievement. Involving parents in the school learning community has the potential to provide a great impact on student success. Therefore, the Genoa Central School District will foster and support parental involvement that will result in partnerships which are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and community. To achieve this, Genoa Central District will create and implement a district parent and family engagement plan to meet the following goals.

Genoa Central School District recognizes that parent and family engagement should include the following elements.

1. Parents of students of all grade levels will be included in a variety of comprehensive and coordinated activities.
2. Communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful.
3. To support the school's goal to educate all students effectively, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.
4. Parents are full-partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
5. Parents are welcomed into the school and encouraged to seek parental support and assistance.
6. Community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

Goal 1: The district will foster effective parent and family engagement strategies and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement.

1. The district will develop a parent and family engagement committee to review the existing parent and family engagement policy, to discuss ideas to improve parent and family engagement within the district, and to disseminate information to the community to promote parent and family engagement.
2. Each campus will select a parent facilitator as both a contact person and coordinator of parent and family engagement on the campus. The parent facilitators are:
 - a. Susan Adams-Genoa Central High School (870-653-2272)
 - b. Bobbie Brown-Gary E. Cobb Middle School (870-653-2132)
 - c. Tanya Fowler-Genoa Central Elementary School (870-653-2248)
3. Ensure that parents of children with disabilities or limited English proficiency have the same access as other parents including information in a language and form they can understand. Responsible Person(s)--Parent Center Facilitators:
 - a. Theresa Teer, tteer@dragons.k12.ar.us (870-653-7554)
4. Prepare information packets appropriate for the age and grade of the child that will include: 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. Responsible Person(s)—Parent Center Facilitators:
 - a. Susan Adams-Genoa Central High School (870-653-2272)
 - b. Bobbie Brown-Gary E. Cobb Middle School (870-653-2132)
 - c. Tanya Fowler-Genoa Central Elementary School (870-653-2248)
5. Conduct an annual meeting in the spring to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program. Responsible person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

Goal 2: The district will provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement.

1. Each Title I, Part A school will provide flexible meeting times for conferencing with parents and provide information to parents about all school programs. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
2. Parents at all campuses will be given a copy of the district policy handbook. The handbook contains the district parental involvement policy. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
3. Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil services, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners by providing training and distributing updated parental involvement information. Responsible person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

4. Conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
5. Each Title I, Part A school will develop and use a School-Parent Compact creating a partnership with parents to increase student achievement. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
6. Encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer effort. Responsible Person(s)-- Parent Facilitators:
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 - b. Bobbie Brown-Gary E. Cobb Middle School (870-653-2132)
 - c. Tanya Fowler-Genoa Central Elementary School (870-653-2248)
7. Each Title I, Part A school will establish a parent and family engagement committee consisting of parents, community members, and Title I school staff. This committee will develop a parental involvement plan that will be implemented in the school and distributed to parents with report cards during the first semester and to the community by means of the district website, meetings, the parent centers, and established correspondence to parents. Responsible person(s): Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343), and Parent Facilitators:
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8. Provide materials and training based on the needs of parent survey data and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement, fostering parent and family engagement. Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
9. Coordinate parent and family engagement activities with the Genoa Central Pre-K program. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

Goal 3: The district will build the school's capacity for strong parent and family engagement.

1. Encourage parents to participate in the district Parent Teacher Organization. Responsible Person(s)—Parent Facilitators:
 - a. Susan Adams-Genoa Central High School (870-653-2272)
 - b. Bobbie Brown-Gary E. Cobb Middle School (870-653-2132)
 - c. Tanya Fowler-Genoa Central Elementary School (870-653-2248)
2. Schedule at least two parent teacher conferences per year, one each semester. Attendance is strongly encouraged. Responsible person(s)—Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

3. A Meet the Teacher event is scheduled the week prior to the start of the school year. The meeting is scheduled during day and evening hours to provide a great variety of times available to parents. Responsible person(s)—Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
4. Plan and engage in activities which will be beneficial in encouraging communication with parents while promoting responsible parenting. Responsible person(s): Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343), and Parent Facilitators:
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- A. Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through the school library; advertise the current selection; and give parents an opportunity to borrow the materials to review
- B. Give parents age appropriate parenting books/booklets on topics concerning effective parenting
- C. Create a district newsletter to distribute to all parents
- D. Provide a calendar on the school district website of scheduled school and class events
- E. Communicate to parents through notes sent home and sent by email
- F. Communicate to parents through the use of phone/email notification services
- G. Hold Meetings/Trainings to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in decisions, course selections, career planning and preparation for postsecondary opportunities
5. Create a district Parent Center as money is available. Each campus also has a parent center for parents to checkout parenting materials. Responsible Person(s)—Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343), and Parent Facilitators:
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6. 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. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
7. Assist in the development of parent engagement activities at each school. Responsible Person(s) – Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343), and Parent Facilitators:

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8. The annual survey will provide parental involvement needs data to be used for parent and family engagement trainings, materials, and resources. The annual survey will be used to identify the top areas of focus for each Title I, Part A school to improve school effectiveness and parent and family engagement. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
 9. Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

Goal 4: The district will conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater participation.

1. Online surveys are provided to identify barriers to parent and family engagement. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
2. Provide an opportunity for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
3. School parent coordinators will collect 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. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
4. Use findings from the evaluation process to make recommendations to each participating school for parent and family engagement policy revisions, and to provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parent and family engagement, and to plan parent and family engagement activities. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)
5. Develop and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

Goal 5: The district will involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP).

1. Involve school/community patrons in the ACSIP plan for school improvement as participants in advisory capacities. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, dhuff@dragons.k12.ar.us, (870-653-4343)

2. Select parents for a district Parent Involvement Committee. Responsible Person: Debbie Huff,
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