



Genoa Central High School  
**Parental Involvement Plan**  
**2015-2016**

**Parental Involvement Committee**

Angie Bryant, District Parental Involvement Coordinator/Director of Federal Programs

Debbie Huff, GCHS Principal

Susan Adams, Library Media Specialist/GCHS Parental Involvement Coordinator

Annette Cordova-Burns, Parent

Betty Guffey, Parent

Carrie Hirmer, Parent

Missy Lyda, Parent

Sandra Russell, Grandparent

Angie Sims, Parent/School Nurse

Kimberly Knowles, Teacher

Tera McInnis, Teacher

**Mission Statement**

The Genoa Central High School 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.

**Genoa Central High School communicates with parents in several ways to promote parental involvement and to support classroom instruction:**

- eSchool/eCommunication—Parents have access to their child’s grades, conduct, attendance and contact information for their children’s teachers and may also receive important school messages via emails and automated phone calls. Parents are encouraged to sign up for Home Access Center (eSchool) and eCommunication at a booth during Meet the Teacher, and account information is available yearlong through the office. *Responsible Person(s): Cathy Holder, 870-653-2132, and Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- eCommunication Notifications—Parents can register to receive alerts via email and/or text messages. These alerts include notifications of school closings and events for the high school and school district. Parents are encouraged to register for eCommunication at a booth during Meet the Teacher, and enrollment is available yearlong on the district and high school website. *Responsible Person: Cathy Holder, 870-653-2132*
- Genoa Central School District and High School Website—The website contains a calendar of events, special programs, daily announcements, and other pertinent information for parents. *Responsible Person(s): Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343, Cathy Holder, 870-653-2132, and Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- Academic and Conduct Updates—Parents receive information on their child’s progress from teachers via report cards, progress reports, and eSchool access. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2272*
- 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. *Responsible Person: Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2272*
- 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 on attendance. Parents are given reports of student progress and other pertinent information. Teachers can also explain interventions as needed to assist students in reaching achievement goals. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2272*

**Genoa Central High School 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
- Freshman Orientation—August
- Parent/Teacher Conferences—October and February
- Academic Awards Assembly—May
- Blood Drives—3 to 4 times yearly
- Music Programs—as determined by band and choir directors
- College and Career Fair—as determined by school counselor
- Guest Speakers—throughout the year
- Athletic Events—throughout the year
- Booster Club—throughout the year
- Student Organizations’ Events—throughout the year
- Band Boosters—throughout the year
- Fundraisers—throughout the year

**Genoa Central High School 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. *Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, 870-653-2272*
- The school will ask parents to serve on the parental advisory committee. *Responsible Person: Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- Parents are encouraged to join and become involved in the Parent/Teacher Organization which fosters parental and community involvement. *Responsible Person: PTO President*
- 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. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*

- School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state’s high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact which will be included in the informational packets sent home at the beginning of the school year. *Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, 870-653-2272*
- The school will ask parents/guardians to complete an interest survey at the beginning of each school year to obtain information concerning the activities parents/guardians feel will be most beneficial in their efforts to support their child academically. *Responsible Person: Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- The school will sponsor seminars, such as College/Career Night, 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. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Jana Haltom, 870-653-2272*

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

- By proclamation of the State Board of Education’s Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, teachers are required to attend no less than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Certified Teachers, 870-653-2272*
- By proclamation of the State Board of Education’s Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, the principal is required to attend no less than three (3) hours of professional development designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies, the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations, and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. *Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, 870-653-2272*

- The school will work with Gary E. Cobb Middle School to help provide a smooth transition from middle school to high school by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities. Prior to the beginning of the new school year, the high school will host a Freshman orientation meeting for parents and students to help with the transition. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Jana Haltom, 870-653-2272*
- Teachers are encouraged to refer to the volunteer/interest survey information to utilize parents as volunteers. Teachers will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. *Responsible Person(s): Susan Adams and Classroom Teachers, 870-653-2272*
- Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful. Volunteer training will be offered annually during the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*

**Genoa Central High School provides resources for parents.**

- The principal of the high school shall designate (1) certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator. *Responsible Person: Debbie Huff, 870-653-2272*
- Materials such as parenting books, videos, brochures, and other parenting materials are available in the Parent Center located in the Library /Media Center to promote and support responsible parenting. These resources are available for parents to check out through the Library Media Specialist/Parent Facilitator during regular library hours and will continue to be added to the center as funds allow. Computers and printers are also set up for parent use. *Responsible Person: Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- The school will provide instruction, upon request, to any parent or guardian on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including, but not limited to: 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. *Responsible Person: Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*

- Home study aids are provided to supplement student instruction as recommended by teachers or as requested by parents. *Responsible Person: Susan Adams, 870-653-2272*
- Information packets are provided each year to parents that include, but are not limited to, the parent-teacher-student compact, a district calendar, eSchool access information, and any other pertinent school resources. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff and Cammie Thomas, 870-653-2272*
- The school handbook can be accessed online at the school website, as well as distributed to all parents who request a printed copy. The handbook contains the school's process for resolving parental concerns, as well as policies and procedures of our school. *Responsible Person(s): Debbie Huff, 870-653-2272 and Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*

**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 in the fall 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. *Responsible Person: Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343*
- The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. *Responsible Person(s): Angie Bryant, 870-653-4343, Debbie Huff and Susan Adams 870-653-2272*