

**ELKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN  
2016-2017**

Elkins Middle School understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the school and those it serves. Therefore, Elkins Middle School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community.

To achieve such ends, the school shall work to:

1. Have a coordinated involvement program that includes a Parental Involvement Committee with faculty, and parent members where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs.
2. The Elkins School Board has an annual report to the public meeting where test scores are reviewed and educational programs are discussed.
3. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. This is achieved through many avenues including the use of parent and volunteer surveys and volunteer training sessions. Elkins Middle School uses the trained volunteers to support teacher and staff needs. The school may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents. The Middle School also sends out an informational newsletter twice a month. The newsletter is sent home with students, posted to the school website, and uploaded to facebook.
4. Elkins Middle School will promote informal activities at which parents, staff, students, and community may interact. (Literacy Night, Arts in the Park, Career Expo). Elkins Middle School also has an open house each year to inform parents and students about our school, meet the teachers, and learn about the classes offered.
5. Educate school staff in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents. The Middle School staff is required to participate annually in parental involvement professional development, attend two parent-teacher conferences a year, and to maintain up-to-date, accurate documentation of regular parental contact (phone, email, and face-to-face).
6. Elkins Middle School will disseminate information clearly and specifically by using language that is understandable to all parents in a multi-method approach (School Messenger system, newsletters, emails, phone calls, Facebook, outdoor marquee, and the calendar posted on the school website).
7. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This will include arranging meetings at a variety of times as well as utilizing a variety of means of communication.

8. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school.
9. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.

To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, Elkins Middle School shall develop a plan that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State's academic standards.

Elkins Middle School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times if necessary to adequately reach parents of participating students.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (b)(1) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)

20 U.S.C. § 6318 (c)(1),(2),(3),(4) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)

20 U.S.C. § 6318 (d) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)

20 U.S.C. § 6318 (e)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14) (NCBL Act of 2001, Section 1118)

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