

GRAVETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

School Year: 2011-2012

Superintendent: Dr. Andrea Kelly

School Improvement: School Improvement Glenn Duffy Year 2, School Improvement Gravette Upper Year 2, Gravette Middle School Year 2

Parent Involvement Committee Members: Dr. Pat Hastings, Special Projects Coordinator; Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Principal; Faith Hendricks, Parent Involvement Facilitator; Brandy Estep, Haidee Larson-Parents; Jay Ensor, Upper Elementary Principal; Dorothy Hadley, Parent Involvement Facilitator; Julie Deihl, Parent; Mr. Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School Principal; Mike Walker, Parent Involvement Facilitator; Mrs. JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School Principal; Janna Sharp, Parent Involvement Facilitator

Goal 1: How will the LEA foster effective parental involvement strategies and support partnerships among school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement?

- Develop and disseminate district parental involvement policy.
- Conduct an annual meeting in the spring to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program.
- Reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement, with 95% going to Title I, Part A schools.
- Coordinate parental involvement activities with those of other programs.
- Establish parental involvement contact person at each of the Title I, Part A schools.
- Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy.
- 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.
- 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.
- For all the above actions, contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100.

Goal 2: How will the district provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement?

- Conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Provide materials and training not otherwise available to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100**
- Enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette**

Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180

- Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. **Contact Meghan Reimer, 479-787-4160**
- Provide a copy of the school policy at each school for parents to view as well as provide a copy to each parent. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Monitor each Title I, Part A school to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:
 - Develop parental involvement policy. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100**
 - Offer flexible meeting times. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100**
 - Provide information to parents about the school's programs, including an informational guide. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Develop and use the School-Parent Compact. **Contact Parent Facilitators: Faith Hendricks, 479-787-4120; Dorothy Hadley, 479-787-4140; Mike Walker, 479-787-4160; Janna Sharp, 479-787-4180**
- Provide 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. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Reinforce parenting skills to support the acquisition of academic skills and their application in real-life situations for parent use. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- 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. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Encourage parent participation through innovative scheduling of activities through strategies such as holding meetings at a variety of times in order to maximize the opportunities for parents to participate in school-related activities. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Convene annual school meeting to inform parents of their school's participation in the development of the parental involvement policy and their right to be involved. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100; Parent Facilitators: Faith Hendricks, 479-787-4120; Dorothy Hadley, 479-787-4140; Mike Walker, 479-787-4160; Janna Sharp, 479-787-4180**

Goal 3: How will the district build the school's capacity for strong parental involvement?

- 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 Dr. Pat Hastings 479-787-4100**
- Assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school. **Contact Zane Vanderpool and Faith Hendricks, 479-787-4120, Jay Ensor and Dorothy Hadley, 479-787-4140, Mr. Duane Thomas and Mike Walker, 479-787-4160, JoEllen Hastings and Janna Sharp, 479-787-4180**
- Encourage the formation of partnerships between schools and local businesses that includes roles for parents. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- 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. **Contact Faith Hendricks, Glenn Duffy Elementary 479-787-4120, Dorothy Hadley, Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140, Mike Walker, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160, Janna Sharp, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness. **Parent Facilitators: Faith Hendricks, 479-787-4120; Dorothy Hadley, 479-787-4140; Mike Walker, 479-787-4160; Janna Sharp, 479-787-4180**
- Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100**
- Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100**

Goal 4: How will the district 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 to greater participation?

- Bi-annual district parent involvement meetings. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings 479-787-410**
- Annually survey parents by individual school buildings. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Input from Parent-Teacher Organizations at each school. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Involve school/community patrons in the ACSIP plan for school improvement as participants in advisory capacities. **Contact Dr. Pat Hastings, 479-787-4100; Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**
- Invite parent and community members to faculty and staff meetings. **Contact Principals: Zane Vanderpool, Glenn Duffy Elementary, 479-787-4120; Jay Ensor, Gravette Upper Elementary, 479-787-4140; Duane Thomas, Gravette Middle School, 479-787-4160; JoEllen Hastings, Gravette High School, 479-787-4180**