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Courtway Middle School (Conway School District)
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School Parent Involvement Policy

**This form was adapted from, *A Toolkit for Title I Parent Involvement.*
Ferguson, C. (2009). *A Toolkit for Title I Parental Involvement.* Austin, TX: SEDL.**

Hint

District
Conway Public Schools

School Improvement Status

Grade Levels
5 - 7

Parent Involvement Coordinator
Amanda Gates

Are you Title I Schoolwide?
 Yes
 No
 N/A

Percent of free and reduced lunch
64%

Parent Involvement Committee Members
(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name
Karen

Last Name
Lasker

Position
Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Amy

Last Name
Jordan

Position
Assistant Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Chris

Last Name
Pegg

Position
Assistant Principal

Enter committee members

First Name

Amanda

Last Name

Gates

Position

Media Specialist and Parent Involvement Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name

Lavell

Last Name

Ryan

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Judi

Last Name

Romero-Benitez

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Gynger

Last Name

Campbell

Position

School Counselor

Enter committee members

First Name

Maggie

Last Name

Martin

Position

School Counselor/Literacy Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Jana

Last Name

Irvin

Position

Teacher and Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Carrie

Last Name

Leger

Position

Teacher

Enter committee members

First Name

Alison

Last Name

Evans

Position

Teacher

Enter committee members**First Name**

Amanda

Last Name

Mulhearn

Position

Parent and Parent Group President

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

Texts, phone calls, emails, school app, Remind 101, websites, Facebook, Twitter, school website. We also use SignUp Genius (website) to get volunteers to sign up for certain activities.

We don't send notes home quite like we used to because we are trying to be paperless.

Parents were very positive about these types of communication. They said they love having the electronic communication that makes it easier on them to get the information and act upon it.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Cat Camp - August 4, 2016

Schedule pick-up - August 4, 2016

Open House - August 25, 2016

Renaming Ceremony - September 7, 2016

Indistar Meeting - September 9, 2016

Parent-Teacher conferences - September 21, 22, 2016

STEM Night - November 3, 2016

Veteran's Assembly - November 11, 2016

Music Concert - December, 2016

Recruitment Concert - February, 2017

Parent-Teacher Conferences - February 15, 16, 2017

Parent-Student Dance - Spring, 2017

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

Parents and guardians can sign up for volunteer activities at Open House through an email list. We also have parents who volunteer for bashes, dances, meals for conferences, teacher appreciation week.

We push information to parents through our communication tools (texts, app, email, Facebook, etc.) asking them to volunteer at different activities.

We are brainstorming with parents at our September 9th meeting on how we can better encourage volunteer opportunities.

Our parent volunteers all received information about our new garden and the opportunities they may have to be involved.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?**5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation**

and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Our library has a parent-resource center that includes CDs, books, pamphlets, etc.

Counselors have a parent-resource center as well. It is highly used.

Our website also includes parenting tips through a monthly newsletter.

Our Facebook page and website are both other resources we can use for parenting resources.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

Our district is using a culture survey from Panorama that asks for parent feedback. The first time to use the new software was in May of 2016. The plan is for it to go out again this school year as well.

This survey allows parents to give evaluative feedback on the parent engagement of our school.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

Through our Indistar meetings and our Panorama survey, we will make plans to continue good parent involvement activities and to implement new ones.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

****After completion of this form, the school should print and submit to district for review and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***