

## Arkansas Indistar

**District Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

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**1: Jointly Developed Expectations and Objectives**

*(Describe/List the District expectations and objectives for parent and family engagement. Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the district parent and family engagement policy. Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development and review of the School Improvement/Title I School-wide/ Title I Targeted Assistance Plan and, if applicable, the Comprehensive Support and Improvement and the Targeted Support and Improvement plans. Describe/List how the District will submit to the State comments from parents who deem the LEA Plan unsatisfactory.)*

**Does the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the district will accomplish each of the required components?****Hint**

The Ozark Mountain School District uses a committee to develop the Parent Involvement Plan for the School District. The committee contains Administrators, Teachers, and Parents. The policy is available on the District website (ozarkmountainschooldistrict) Ozark Mountain School District receives less than \$500,000 in Title I funds. The Policy contains the following components:

The district will promote and support Family and Community engagement through surveys, written information, annual meetings, and the district website. Parent and family engagement groups are formed at the district level and at the school level. The district level Parent and Family Engagement Plan is made up of a parent representative from each school in the district and the parent facilitator from each school. The district strives to have representatives on the parent committee that represent the diversity of the population served. This ensures that all schools have the same input into the family and engagement planning process. The committee evaluates the plan yearly and contributes to the future plans.

Each school in the district will have a Parent Involvement Facilitator. The facilitator will form a committee of parents to serve on the family and community engagement planning team for each school. The committee will meet annually to review and evaluate the school family and engagement plans. The parent involvement facilitator will work with the building Principal to host Parent Involvement Nights. The facilitator will promote parental involvement, promote a welcoming atmosphere, and organize parent groups.

The district will ensure that teachers, administrators, and support staff receive information and professional development related to promoting Family and Community engagement. Parent facilitators will help organize meaningful training for staff and parents to include development of parent engagement groups at each school. Parent meetings and engagement groups shall be involved in activities such as building school improvement plans and evaluation and review, developing Parent and family engagement plans, and work in parent groups that support the wellbeing of the school.

An annual public meeting is held each year to report to parents and patrons the District's progress in meeting state standards. Each year all parents and community members are invited to attend the public meeting. It is advertised on the school website and also through school messenger.

Each school in the district maintains a Parent Center which contains pamphlets, games, and a host of educational resources that are available to parents.

Parent involvement plans for each school are submitted to the District through Indistar annually for approval. The plans are also placed on the school website before August 1st of each year. The District submits a Parent Involvement plan to the state through Indistar and it is also posted on the school website by August 1st each year. In addition, a summary of the District Parent Involvement Plan is placed in the student handbook yearly.

The district encourages parent and family involvement on all school campuses. The district monitors schools to ensure that policies and procedures encourage parental involvement. If a parent feels the District's school wide LEA plan is unsatisfactory, the district will report those findings to the appropriate person at the state department.

## **2: Building Staff Capacity through Training and Technical Assistance**

*(Describe/List how the district will provide support and technical assistance to all its Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement practices, inclusive of school parent and family engagement policies/plans, school-parent compacts, and all Title I parent and family engagement requirements. Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, and online resources that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Include information about how the district and/or schools will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)*

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The Ozark Mountain School District will provide professional development for all staff for parent involvement. Every four years, administrators, principals, teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians, clerical staff and cooks are provided with a 2 hour session about the importance of parent involvement. Our parent and family engagement coordinators on each campus are provided additional Parent and Family Involvement training through the OUR coop. If additional training is needed or requested, Parent Involvement training can also be accessed on the Arkansas Ideas portal.

Each year, the building principal facilitates training related to parent and family involvement. Teachers and staff are reminded of the importance of including parents in the education of their children and effective communication with parents. Teachers are reminded of the district parent and family involvement procedures such as sending home weekly folders, making phone calls home to parents, weekly newsletters in elementary, and turning in information for the weekly phone call home to families.

The Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator for the district will provide support and technical assistance to all schools by approving school plans, meeting with school facilitators, reviewing the parent compact with staff,

helping to provide resources for schools, attending parent/family engagement activities, and hosting annual Title I meetings.

The Ozark Mountain School District oversees schools in the training of parents who want to serve as school volunteers. Parents must attend training annually to be able to assist in the schools.

### **3: Building Parent Capacity**

*(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success. If applicable, describe how each discretionary item your district and parents chose will be implemented.)*

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Building Parent Capacity

Parent's rights are identified within the Ozark Mountain School District Policies on the school's website at [www.ozarkmountainschooldistrict.com](http://www.ozarkmountainschooldistrict.com). Parents are regularly informed regarding state and local education goals. Each school and the district will host an annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the education goals.

Each school campus has a parent organization that all parents are invited to join. Each parent organization hosts a variety of events to support programs at each school.

Each school will host parent nights such as but not limited to: Math and literacy nights, technology and cyber training, read across America program involving RISE program, parent informational meetings, open house, and parent teacher conferences. Each school has a parental involvement facilitator to plan activities.

Each school will maintain a parent center which gives parents access to pamphlets, books, educational materials, games that can be used to help their student at home.

Each parent will be given log in information so they may monitor their child's academic progress throughout the school year. In addition progress reports will be sent home four times per school year and reports cards will be issued at the end of each nine week grading period.

### **4: Reservation and Evaluation**

*(Describe/List how the district will share with parents and family members the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents and family members will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used. If the district does not receive a Title I, Part A allocation greater than \$500,000, then the district is not required to include a description of its Reservation of Funds. If a reservation is required, then a minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to high-need schools. Describe/List actions for how the annual evaluation will be conducted, identifying who will be responsible for conducting it, and explaining what role parents and family members will play.)*

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The Ozark Mountain School District receives less than \$500,000 in Title I funds. However, money is set aside for each school to use for parent involvement.

To improve communication between the school and home, the Ozark Mountain School District will utilize school messenger or Remind to send out a weekly message about upcoming school events.

Ozark Mountain School District use HAC for reporting student grades. Parents are given login information so that they have access to their child's academic progress. Teachers are required to keep the record books up to date. Parents are given login information for their child's IXL account so that they may interact academically with their child at home.

Each year parent involvement activities are hosted at all three schools. Each school will have at least two parent teacher conferences and host an open house before school starts. Literacy nights, Christmas Programs, Music Programs, and Sporting Events fill the school calendars. Each of these events is a chance for our teachers to form positive relationships with the families of the students that we serve.

The parent involvement policy evaluation process includes recommendations to be considered for revisions as well as suggestions to revise school improvement policies relevant to parent involvement.

### **5: Coordination**

*(Describe/List how the district will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families such as public preschool programs or organizations to help students transition to elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary schools or careers.)*

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Each school in the district will coordinate with the Head Start programs to ensure that there is a smooth transition from preschool to kindergarten. The principal on each campus will hold a transition meeting for the students and parents. The school district will also help recruit students for the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters by sending home notes to parents about the program. The school will also support the program by allowing the HIPYP program to have parent meetings on the school campus.

The district will host financial aid meetings for students seeking post secondary education. The school counselors will keep updated information for students and parents on the school website.

### **ADE Reviewer Responses by Section**

#### **Section 1 - Jointly Developed Expectations and Outcomes**

- Changes Required
- Federal Compliance
- State Compliance

**Section 2 - Building Staff Capacity through Training and Technical Assistance**

- Changes Required
  - Federal Compliance
  - State Compliance
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**Section 3 - Building Parent Capacity**

- Changes Required
  - Federal Compliance
  - State Compliance
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**Section 4 - Reservation and Evaluation**

- Changes Required
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**Section 5 - Coordination**

- Changes Required
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