

# Ozark Mountain High School

300 School Street  
Western Grove, AR 72685  
Parent Involvement Plan  
2024-2025

## Parent Involvement Plan Committee

John McCleary .....	Building Administrator
Mary Wheeler .....	Parent Representative
Megan Hill .....	Parent Representative
Collette Brumley .....	Parent Representative
Byron Clyatt .....	Staff Representative
Lori Henthorne .....	Staff Representative
Kim Gilley .....	Parent Facilitator

**District: Ozark Mountain**

**Grade Levels: 7-12**

**Parent Involvement Coordinator: Kim Gilley**

**Title I Schoolwide**

### Parent Involvement GOALS

- Positive working relationship exists between educators and parents in all ethnic groups.

- Diverse communication exists between school and home.
- Strong parent involvement is evident in 7-12 grade students.
- Graduates are well versed in democracy/citizenship.
- The public understands that school board meetings are open to everyone.

### **Jointly Developed Expectations and Objectives**

The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parent and family engagement, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. The survey will be sent home to parents during the fall semester of 2024. Parents are invited to participate in the Parent Involvement Committee through the Parent Involvement Survey that is sent home with the beginning of the year paperwork and through social media posts. The Parent Involvement Committee, met on May 1, 2024 to determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan and make any needed changes.

#### **1. Communication Describe how the School will communicate with and distribute information to parents and families.**

1. Materials are available for parents to check out in the school library. Parents may use computers to check grades, and visit educational websites.
2. Parents are encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center in the front hallway. Copies of which are provided to parents at the fall Parent-Teacher Conference. The plan is also posted on the school website.
3. STATE REQUIREMENT The volunteer interest survey is included with the beginning of year paperwork.
4. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan was reviewed by a committee of parents and school staff on May 1, 2024. Upon approval, the school's Parent and

Family Engagement Plan will be posted in the Parent Resource Center, on the school website, filed with the Department of Education and on the school Facebook page. They will also be distributed at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

5. Recommended roles for parents and teachers are included in the Parent-Teacher Compact, located in the Ozark Mountain School District Handbook and on the District webpage.

6. The school will distribute Informational packets each year that includes a recommended role for parents/teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parent and family engagement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e mail...).

7. Parents can access their child's grades using a PIN number they received at the beginning of the school year.

8. STATE REQUIREMENT To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. Our Parent Center is located in the school library. A list of materials in the Parent Center is available on the School webpage.

9. STATE REQUIREMENT – Included in the school's handbook is the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. 10. STATE REQUIREMENT – Ozark Mountain High School has a certified Parent Facilitator

### **Proposed parent meetings, conference and activities**

- Open House - August 13, 2013
- Fall Festival – October 17, 2013
- Veterans' Day – November 11, 2013
- Thanksgiving Dinner – November 2013
- Music Program - December 2013
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Oct. 24, 2013 and March 20, 2014
- Frontier Days - May 2013

## **Building Staff Capacity**

STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development) In compliance with the State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, Ozark Mountain High teachers and administrators completed the required hours of Family Engagement professional development in August of 2022. The training was provided by Arkansas IDEAS. The school will also offer specialized instruction to support personnel, administration, and other staff (with the assistance of parents). Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning and staff will receive parent participation training that demonstrates that the contributions of parents are valued, that they need to reach out and communicate with parents as equal partners, and build ties between home and school. They will also learn how to welcome parents into the school and to seek parental support and assistance. They will also provide information in a language and format (to the extent practicable) that parents can understand, respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities, and recognize that a parent is a full partner by including in the school handbook the school's process for resolving parent concerns.

## **Building Parent Capacity**

### **School-Parent Compact and Title I Information**

- We will meet in September of 2024 to discuss and take suggestions from parents on the School-Parent Compact. Nichole Cunningham, Federal Programs Coordinator is responsible.

### **Providing information to parents about volunteer opportunities**

- Parent Involvement Volunteer Interest Surveys are sent home at the beginning of the school year.

### **Providing opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school-wide school improvement plan**

- Annual public meeting held in September 2024
- Access to ACSIP plan on the district website and is posted in the front hallway.
- ACSIP plan distributed through a variety of events
  - parent teacher conferences, etc.

### **Provide resources for parents**

- Materials are available for parents to check out in the school library.
- Parents may use computers to check grades, and visit educational Websites.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on September 14, 2024 and on March 7, 2024, John McCleary, Principal is Responsible
- PTO meetings are held bi-monthly. PTO President is responsible
- A flier advertising the use of the Department of Education website tools for parents will be sent home to parents, as well as being posted to the website and the Facebook page.
- Ozark Mountain High School will host an Open House on August 8, 2024, providing parents with school information, school supplies and allow family time to meet with new and returning teachers, staff and administration. During this time, parents will be introduced to resources offered through the school and community.
- Ozark Mountain High School will provide instruction to parents face-to-face and/or virtually on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment. include:
- Parents are kept informed of procedures and related activities by posting events/activities to the school webpage, social media. the school sign and by sending messages.
- Informational messages are sent to parents via text messages, social media, and Remind.
- The school's grievance/complaint policy is included in the student handbook

### **Engage parents in the evaluation of parental involvement efforts**

- Develop survey to send to parents via library website, email and distribution in the office

### **Using parent surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year**

- A parent survey will be sent home to obtain feedback from parents on the effectiveness of school activities and programs.

- Parents will be asked to volunteer based on the interest and knowledge expressed in surveys.
- Results of surveys will be used to design programs and activities for the next school year.

### **Planning the Annual Title I meeting**

- Planned in the summer of each year.
- Title I meeting

### **Coordination**

- The School Counselor works with seniors to fill out college applications and financial aid.
- The school will work with area colleges/trade schools to help provide a smooth transition from one level to the next. We try to ease the transition from High School to College by attending college days at local colleges, hosting college/trade school reps, military recruiters and by hosting financial aid workshops.
- The Brandon Burlsworth Foundation and the Lion's Club provide glasses for students in need.
- The Rotary Club donates for clothing, etc. for students in need.
- Chenal Family Therapy provides counseling services to our students on a weekly, and/or as needed, basis.

### **Reservation of Funds**

The school district sets aside funds for parent and family engagement. Funds will be used to engage parents by supporting parent meetings, open house, and other events in which parents are invited to attend.