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Mountain Home School District
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District Parent Involvement Policy

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School Year

2015-2016

Superintendent

Dr. Jake Long

School Improvement Status

Needs Improvement

Parent Involvement Committee Members

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

Enter committee members

First Name

Leah

Last Name

Cotter

Position

Federal Programs Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name

Eddie

Last Name

White

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Janie

Last Name

Davidson

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Heather

Last Name

Halsted

Position

Parent

Enter committee members

First Name

Allyson

Last Name

Dewey

Position
Principal

Enter committee members

First Name
Melissa

Last Name
Czeschin

Position
Librarian; Building Parent Involvement Coordinator

Enter committee members

First Name
Jennifer

Last Name
Bryant

Position
Parent

Enter committee members

First Name
Ruth

Last Name
Kindstrom

Position
Parent

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

1. Develop and disseminate district parental involvement policy. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman)
2. Conduct an annual meeting in the spring to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program. In April of each school year, the district parent involvement committee will meet to review survey data, and provide input to determine if and what revisions are necessary. (Leah Cotter)
3. Reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement, with 95% going to Title I, Part A schools. (Leah Cotter)
4. Coordinate parental involvement activities with those of other programs such as Head Start program, Reading First program, Early Reading First program, Even Start program, Parents as Teachers program and Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters and State-run preschool programs. Mountain Home Kindergarten and Mountain Home Head Start program will coordinate parent involvement activities and programs. (Vanessa Jones, Jeri Thomas)
5. Establish parental involvement contact person at each of the Title I, Part A schools. Parental involvement contacts in the buildings are as follows: Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas, Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman. (Leah Cotter)
6. Conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the parental involvement policy. At the spring district parent involvement committee meeting, the committee will review data, such as attendance rosters at parental involvement events and/or surveys, to determine the effectiveness of the policy. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, Parent Involvement Coordinator, Heather Halsted, parent, Eddie White, parent, Jennifer Bryant, parent, Ruth Kindstrom, Parent, Janie Davidson, Parent)
7. 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. The committee will meet at least twice annually. The current members are Leah Cotter, District Parent Involvement Coordinator, Allyson Dewey, Principal, Heather Halsted, Parent, Jennifer Bryant, Parent, Ruth Kindstrom, Parent, Janie Davidson, Parent, Eddie White, Parent, Melissa Czeschin, Building Parent Involvement Coordinator.
8. Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of NCLB. (Leah Cotter)

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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?

1. Conduct ongoing site visits to observe parental involvement practices. District parent involvement coordinator and respective building principals will attend parent involvement activities at the buildings as well as keep documentation of such activities at each building. (Leah Cotter)

2. 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. Through district inservice and professional development, faculty and staff of each school will receive training pertaining to parental involvement. (Leah Cotter, Vanessa Jones, Rita Persons, Sondra Monger, Allyson Dewey, Ron Czanstkowski, Dana Brown)

3. Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand. The district will review home language surveys to disseminate to the buildings names of any students and families that need information sent home in a language other than English. (Leah Cotter)

4. Monitor each Title I, Part A school to ensure that each school performs the following tasks:

Develop parental involvement policy.

Offer flexible meeting times.

Provide information to parents about the school's program, include parent information guide.

Develop and use the School-Parent Compact.

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. At each building, there will be training for parents at a school activity such as an open house, parent-teacher conferences, or a parent involvement event. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, District Parent Involvement Coordinator)

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

1. At the fall building Annual Title I parent meeting, each building will provide information to participating parents regarding parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, Parent Involvement Coordinator)
2. The district parent involvement coordinator will assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school by providing support such as meeting individually or with the group of building parent involvement coordinators, providing resources and information pertaining to laws, and providing professional development to building parent involvement coordinators. (Leah Cotter)
3. Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness. In the spring, the survey will be conducted. The data will be collected, analyzed, and distributed by the district parent involvement coordinator to each building and district committee for school improvement purposes. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, District Parent Involvement Coordinator)
4. Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities. (Leah Cotter)
5. Provide any reasonable support for parental involvement at the request of participating Title I, Part A schools. The district parent involvement coordinator will provide support for the parental involvement coordinators, staff, and administrators in schools through purchases of needed supplies, professional development, and law updates pertaining to parental involvement. (Leah Cotter)

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Note: The buildings Annual Title I Meeting can only discuss information dealing with the Title I, Part A Program. The state and local education goals should not be discussed in this meeting and should not appear anywhere on the Annual Title I Meeting's agenda. (This information has to be disseminated in another meeting).

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?

1. Survey parents annually, including questions to identify barriers to parental involvement. Each spring the district will conduct the survey. The data will be collected, analyzed, and distributed by the district parent involvement coordinator to each building principal and parent involvement coordinator for school improvement purposes. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, District Parent Involvement Coordinator)
2. Provide an opportunity for the parents to assist in the development of the evaluation procedures, including analysis of data collected. This will occur in the spring, at the district parent involvement committee meeting. (Leah Cotter)
3. Use finding from evaluation process to:
 - Make recommendations to each participating school for parental involvement policy revision.
 - Provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parental involvement.
4. The district parent involvement coordinator will provide a written report to each building principal and parent involvement coordinator concerning the recommendations and suggestions. (Leah Cotter)

5. Each spring, the district parent involvement coordinator will develop, in conjunction with the district parent involvement committee, and disseminate an annual parent activity evaluation report to share with parents, staff and the community. (Leah Cotter)

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Goal 5: How will the district involve parents in the joint development of the district Title I Application under section 1112 (ACSIP)?

1. Recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. In the spring, notices will be placed in each building office and the district office each spring to recruit parents. (Mountain Home Kindergarten, Jeri Thomas; Nelson-Wilks-Herron Elementary, Cristy Neighbors; Hackler Intermediate School, Lynette Ditto; Pinkston Middle School, Melissa Czeschin; Mountain Home Junior High School, Jodi Tejcek; Mountain Home High School, Brigitte Shipman; Leah Cotter, District Parent Involvement Coordinator)

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Your 2014-2015 district Parental Involvement Plan has been successfully update. All of the required components are included in your plan. No revisions are needed. (Just take out that local and state educational goals will be discussed in the Annual Title I Meeting). After that correction is made, your plan can be posted to your website. A copy of the review will be e-mailed to Ms. Amy Butler. Please retain a copy of that review along with a copy of your 2014-2015 Parental Involvement Plan in your parental involvement documentation files. Thank you for the effort that is evident in the completion of this plan so thoroughly. Best regards, Dr. Mallette