

# 2020-2021 Pinkston Middle School Family and Community Engagement Plan

**School Name:** Pinkston Middle School

**Facilitator Name:** Mylet Trotter

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**District Level Reviewer, Title:** Dr. Dana Brown

**Committee Members:** Lindsey Blevins Principal, Jason Morris Assistant Principal, Stephanie Hughes 7th Grade Teacher, LaVon Fairchild 6th Grade Teacher, Mylet Trotter 6th Grade Teacher, Sarah Youngblood Parent, Leah Coleman Parent, Tenille Rauls Parent

## 1: Jointly Developed

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Pinkston Middle School's parent & family engagement committee works together to create surveys that will aid us in determining the kinds of events, trainings, etc., that parents and families would like to see at our school.
- We will be open to all communication and ideas as we meet and talk with parents and families on a regular basis throughout the year and via our various communication networks such as email, phone calls, school events, and parent-teacher meetings.
- All parents are invited to join the Mountain Home PTO. Pinkston Middle School shall also work alongside the Parent Teacher Organization that fosters parental and community involvement within the school. The Parent Teacher Organization fulfills this role at both the building and district level.
- During the school year, we will conduct parent and family committee meetings to review our plans and refocus them, if necessary.
- Once during the school year, we will invite all parents to a committee meeting where we will review and update the plan.
- As a committee, we will work to ensure that all groups of students and their parents are adequately represented on our committee and share in a variety of roles. If the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory, we will submit all parent comments to our administration and process managers. We will make sure that parents feel welcomed, heard, and that their feedback is of the utmost importance to the success of their students and our school.

## 2: Annual Title I Meeting

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Pinkston Middle School will hold its Annual Title I meeting for parents and families on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020**. During the meeting, our principal, Lindsey Blevins, will present and explain the requirements of Title 1 for schools and the ways in which Pinkston spends Title I monies. She will also inform parents' and families of their rights under the Title I program.

### 3: Communications

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Pinkston Middle School will make the school parent and family engagement plan available to families and the local community by posting the plan and contact information for Mylet Trotter (parent facilitator) on the district website and adding it to the student handbook.
- Informational packets about the school will be given out at **Open House on August 11, 2020**, the week before the start of school. For those unable to attend, the packets will be sent home with students. The packets will include the following: opportunities for parent and family engagement, a survey about volunteer interests, a schedule of planned activities during the school year, and options for ongoing communication systems for parents and teacher (daily email, homework hotline, email with teachers, etc.)
- An email with an attached pdf of the parent and family engagement summary will be sent to all parents (with current email addresses) and a link to a Google Form for them to sign stating they received the plan will be sent. Students whose parents do not have current email addresses will be given a paper copy of the plan and signature form to take home and bring back.
- Parent and family engagement meetings will be held at a variety of times. Meetings will be offered online and in-person group formats.

### 4: School-Parent Compact

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Pinkston Middle School will work with teachers, parents, and students to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- We will address the importance of regular two-way, meaningful conversation through the following:
  - Open House - **August 11, 2020**
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences - **October 22, 2020 & February 11, 2021**
  - Progress Reports are sent home with students every 4 1/2 weeks. Report cards are sent home every 9 weeks.
  - Staff is easy to reach by school email or phoning the school offices at **425-1236**.
  - Volunteer opportunities -

- Beginning of the year help with lockers and directions, 7th Grade American Graffiti Day, 6th Grade CSI Day, 6th and 7th Grade Field Days, Pasta Family Night, weekly help to teachers, PTO, etc.
- Parents and families are invited to observe classroom activities at various times throughout the year. They are also welcome to work with administrators and teachers to schedule times if they would like to observe in the classroom.

#### 5: Reservation of Funds

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Parents and family members of children receiving services under Title I will be involved in decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for parent and family engagement activities. A meeting must be set, an agenda must be prepared, and an agreement must be made and approved by committee members in order to spend any Title I funds for parent and family engagement activities.
- Pinkston will share the Title I allotment information at the Title I Parent Zoom Meeting on **Thursday, November 5th at 6 pm** and also in the spring parent meetings when we discuss the school year ahead for possible ideas from our parents.

#### 6: Coordination of Services

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- Pinkston Middle School routinely brings in community members to share and visit with students about a variety of issues and skills.
- Pinkston supports the college and career-ready programs at the upper levels by beginning the Strengthsquest program in the 6th grade and continuing to educate students about their strengths during the 7th grade.
- Pinkston also hosts an annual Pasta Night for parents, family, and the community. This event is put on by a collaboration of Pinkston staff, parent volunteers, community members, and students for a wonderful evening in March which includes performances by student band and choir members, a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by Pinkston staff.
- In addition, Pinkston hosts incoming 6th grade and 7th-grade parent and student nights each spring to give information regarding the building and next school year.
- Pinkston partners with community organizations to provide many needs for our students such as: First United Methodist Church: snack packs Literacy Council: additional tutoring for kids Lions Club: glasses for kids Eastside Baptist church.

## 7: Building Capacity of Parents

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Per answers from a parent survey, Pinkston will hold an event at the beginning of the school year to assist parents family and community members in understanding the following:
  - Canvas, Gmail, Etc.
  - AMI work
  - Google Meet and Zoom
  - How to use Canvas
- Per answers from a parent survey, Pinkston will also find avenues (whether face to face, video, etc.) to offer parents education in middle school bullying and dealing with depression in students.
- Throughout the year, parents receive the following reports, along with assistance interpreting the results:
  - ACT Aspire reports - September
  - Beginning of Year (BOY) NWEA/MAP Reports - October
  - End of Year (EOY) NWEA/MAP Reports - May
  - Assistance and instruction is given throughout the year to parents and students in the following areas:
    - Arkansas Academic Standards State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
    - Title I, Part A requirements
    - Strategies parents can use to support their child academically, emotionally, physically, and socially.
    - Partnering with teachers to support their child's academic achievements and incorporating developmentally appropriate learning activities.
    - Use of ADE website and tools for parents [<http://www.arkansased.gov>]
    - Assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation.
    - Core teachers provide parents with materials and instruction such as strategic literacy questions to ask when reading, helpful websites, links to resources on Canvas, etc., to help them assist students at home.
    - Parents and students are provided access to a variety of online learning resources for parents to support the academic success of students at Pinkston.
      - IXL
      - I-Ready Math
      - Spelling City

- Edulastic
- Discovery Education
- Learning Ally
- Moby Max

#### 8: Building Capacity of School Staff

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

- Teachers receive parent engagement professional development as required by the state provided through district PD.
- Teachers are provided parental engagement PD opportunities through Gallup Strengths PD training opportunities.
- Teachers can receive PD through Arkansas IDEAS through the web based modules that support parent engagement.
- Pinkston counselors attend state conferences and meet monthly to develop strategies to engage students and their parents.
- Pinkston engages parents as stakeholders in committees that include: parent engagement, parent/student handbook, School Level Improvement Plan, Parent Teacher Organization.
- Pinkston works with the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) to plan school events and to organize parent and community support.
- PTO works with Pinkston to organize volunteers throughout the school year to support students and teachers at Open House, start of school activities, organization and reproduction of classroom materials, delivery of student snack packs weekly, assistance with the Nurse's health screenings, Book Fair, American Graffiti Day, Reward Days for students, and Field Days.
- Pinkston provides a parent volunteer form for each student to allow parents to volunteer for a variety of school activities throughout the school year.

#### 9: Building Capacity - Discretionary

Did the School and Parents choose to include any Discretionary (Optional) Components in the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

- Special Education teachers received APPLE training to assist struggling readers with the needed strategies to close the gaps in reading.
- Pinkston and PTO provided a touring opportunity for parents and students to visit Pinkston prior to the start of the school year after work hours.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are available to parents on scheduled dates from 1:00-7:00 pm twice a year and conferences are made available for parents upon their request anytime throughout the school year. This can be done in person, by phone, or by zoom.
- Pinkston will continue our "Gravy with Grandparents" event in September to bring in our guardians that are raising many of our middle school students and share many of the resources and learning opportunities that Pinkston offers.

- Mountain Home Public Schools has a District Parent Engagement committee that incorporates district, building, community partners, and parents.