

Augusta High School Parental Involvement Plan

Philosophy: We recognize the family as the primary influence in a child's life.

We believe:

- A child's education is a responsibility shared by school staff and family during the entire time they are in school.
- Families and school staff must work as knowledgeable partners.
- Families must play a positive role in providing for student success.

I. Program Components *

To support the belief of the Augusta Public Schools, the schools' parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The 7-12 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement *

Augusta Secondary Schools will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni, and community.

1. Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee *
 - a. A Parental Involvement Plan will be developed by the above committee.*
 - b. The plan will be disseminated to all district patrons. *
 - c. The Parental Involvement Plan will be published in the local newspaper.
2. Volunteer Plan*
 - a. Parents will participate in various Booster Clubs that support specific organizations; e.g., band, athletics, etc.
 - b. Parents will participate in club and organization activities; e.g., student council, blood drives, junior class, etc.
 - c. Parents will share expertise in content related areas.
 - d. Parents will participate on site-based committees; e.g., school improvement, literacy, and math.*
 - e. A needs assessment will be conducted at the building level to ascertain degree of needs. Lists of needs will be compiled and distributed to parents. *
 - f. Parents will be surveyed regarding their abilities and interests as volunteers. *
 - g. Parent volunteers will participate in the development and implementation of the Parental Involvement Plan. *
3. Activities and Events *
 - a. Career and College Night will be scheduled to assist students and parents in program planning.
 - b. Financial aid workshops will be offered to assist parents and students interested in post-secondary education.
 - c. Information about student performance activities will be provided for parents; e.g., band, concerts, athletic events, choir concerts, etc.

- d. Parents and students will receive school entry orientation as well as information about school improvement and school performance on benchmark testing (Open House, Orientation Night, Report to the Public). *
- 4. Resource Materials *

 - a. Guidance offices/parent centers will provide parents with information to assist students in educational planning; e.g., vocational/technical information, scholarships, etc.
 - b. Parenting skills, interventions, and healthy lifestyles information will be available through guidance offices/parent centers. *

- 5. Recognition of Parents*

 - a. A notice of thanks will be published in local newspapers to all parents who participate in both parent-teacher conferences. *
 - b. Parent recognition events will be organized to thank volunteers and/or community partners, e.g., luncheons, dinners.

II. Information Family Kits *

- 1. Lisa Martin has been identified as the Parent Facilitator for the Augusta School District.
- 2. School handbook and school/district calendar will be included in the kit.
- 3. Contact information for parents about each school will be provided, e.g., facilitators, volunteers, school personnel.
- 4. Information will be given regarding location of helpful parent materials; e.g., parent center, school media centers.
- 5. Hours and location of parent center will be included.

III. Parent Center *

- 1. Hours, weekly schedule, and location of parent center will be identified. *
- 2. Name, location and contact telephone number(s) of facilitator will be provided.

IV. School Policies *

- 1. School policies/procedures do not discourage a parent from visiting the school. Each school will develop guidelines and procedures for parent visitation. *
- 2. Staff development requirements will include a minimum of two hours for teachers and three hours for administrators in effective parent/involvement strategies.

V. Facilitator *

- 1. The principal will designate one certified staff member as Parent Facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere for parental involvement in the school and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school. Name, location, and contact telephone number(s) will be provided.

* Denotes requirements in Act 603 of 2003.

Augusta Elementary Parental Involvement Plan

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I. Program Components *

To support the belief of the Augusta Public Schools, the schools' parents, alumni, and community must work as knowledgeable partners. The PK-6 Parental Involvement Plan will include, but not be limited to, the following components of a successful parental involvement program.

A. Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement *

Augusta Elementary School will provide the following opportunities to involve parents, alumni, and community.

1. Development of a Parent, Alumni, and Community Involvement Committee

- a. A Parental Involvement Plan will be developed by the above committee. *
- b. The plan will be disseminated to all district patrons. *
- c. The Parental Involvement Plan will be published in the local newspaper.

2. Volunteer Plan*

- a. At the beginning of the school year, the committee will extend an invitation to all parents to volunteer.
- b. The committee will survey parents regarding their abilities and interests as volunteers. *
- c. The principal will conduct a needs assessment at the building level to ascertain degree of needs. A list of needs will be compiled and distributed to parents. *
- d. An orientation will be held to inform volunteers about the school.
- e. The committee will provide a volunteer resource book for teachers listing the interests and availability of volunteers. *

3. Activities and Events: *

Family Literacy and Math Nights

Benchmark Booster Nights

Parents Make a Difference*

Open House*

Parent/Teacher Conferences (parents who attend both conferences will be honored by having names printed in the newspaper)* Recognition events with "Gravy for Grandparents, Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad, and Pizza for Parents"

Annual Report to the Public

- Look to the Future Career Night
- 4. Resource Materials *
 - Parenting books, pamphlets, and handouts *
 - Refrigerator curriculum
 - Student handbooks
 - School website
 - Community resources
 - Internet resources
 - Weekly newsletter (exp. Reading Connection)
- 5. Recognition of Parents *
 - Publish parent's names in newspaper when both parent/teacher conferences are attended *
 - Volunteer teas, banquets, etc.
 - Certificate or gifts for certain number of hours of service
 - Care room for infants or toddlers of volunteers

II. Information/Family Kits *

Parent kits containing pertinent school information will be furnished to each parent. Each parent is provided with:

- A. A school telephone number, e-mail address, and school web-page address.
- B. Description of school's Parental Involvement Program. *
- C. Responsibility of the parent, student, teacher and school.
- D. List of ways parents may be involved at school.*
- E. Calendar for the year encouraging parental involvement in each activity.
- F. Dates of two parent/teacher conferences to be held each year. *
- G. List of resources available in the Parent Center
- H. Notification of other activities as scheduled.

III. Parent Center*

A Parent Center will be established in each school of the district. Location: H. S. Library
Time: 3:15-4:30 Contact: Lisa Martin

IV. School Policies *

Augusta Elementary School encourages parental involvement and participation.

- A. The policy regarding checkout and pick-up procedures of children will be located in the elementary office. *
- B. Procedures for classroom visitation during school events will be located in each individual school office. *
- C. Staff development requirements will include a minimum of two hours for teachers and three hours for administrators in effective parental involvement strategies. *

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