

Clarksville Primary School, Clarksville School District
2023 CLARK ROAD
CLARKSVILLE, AR 72830
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Grades K-1 78% free/reduced lunch
Title I Schoolwide

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1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school will distribute a monthly newsletter to parents that is developed with participation of the parent-school organization, principal, staff and parent volunteers. It includes school news, a calendar of school activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement such as homework tips, organizational skills, and study skills.

1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school;
2. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs;
3. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the school's curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the school to improve their child's academic achievement;
4. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parents resource centers and other community based organizations to foster parent and family engagement and provide literacy and technology training to parents;
5. Educate school staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents;
6. Keep parents informed about parent and family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;

7. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include providing transportation and child care to enable parents to participate, arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
8. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school;
9. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
10. Provide reasonable support for other parent and family engagement activities as parents may reasonable request.
11. The school's reading specialist and parent volunteers will talk to kindergarten parents during Kindergarten Orientation. Explaining how parents can be involved in their child's learning both in and out of school.
12. The school will create a Web site to house classroom Web sites for each teacher. Lesson plans and pertinent classroom information will be available on classroom Web sites. Also, parents can access their child's grades using a login and password they received at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with their child's teacher and other staff members.
13. Each teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week.
14. Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
15. The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events.
16. The school will offer parents a special workshop each year on the school's approach to school improvement.
17. The school will send brochures home with students, post notices in school facilities and public buildings, and provide information for local newspapers and radio stations about parent workshops and meetings.
18. The school will use the student handbook, school Web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings about the Schoolwide Title I Plan and how to get a copy upon request.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Kindergarten Parent Orientation - August
 First Grade Parent Engagement Night - August
 District Town Hall Meeting - September
 District Town Hall Meeting - September
 Parental Advisory Council Meeting - September and April
 Parent and family engagement Book Fair - September
 Parent and family engagement Parent Night (open until 7:30 p.m.) - September
 Parent Classroom Readers Orientation Meeting - September
 Kindergarten and First Grade Progress Reports sent home to parents - September
 1st Grade Field Trip to Janet Huckabee Science Center - September

Karen Culture Meeting - October
Parent/ Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten and First Grade Students - October
Clarksville Police Department Safety Halloween Program - October
Clarksville Fire Department Fire Safety Program - October
Thanksgiving Parent Invited Thanksgiving Lunch - November
1st Grade Native American Program - November
First Grade Music Program - December
Report Cards Sent Home - January
Progress Reports Go Home - February
Parent/Teacher Conferences - March
Spring Book Fair, Grandperson Day - April
Kindergarten Music Program - April
Primary School Water Day - May
Title I Annual Program Review Meeting - May

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

Clarksville Primary School will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as Classroom Readers, tutoring, and volunteering opportunities.

Clarksville Primary School will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during orientation of parents. Primary Volunteer Coordinator and Principal will explain the requirements to parents and encourage them to become involved in the school. Brief training sessions will provide parents and community members with the information they need to participate as school volunteers in order to put them at ease and make the experience pleasant and successful.

The school will work with Pyron Elementary School to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities.

Clarksville Primary School provides instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained staff, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education.

The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for Primary School teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parent and family engagement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for

administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

Clarksville Primary School and district staff, parents, and students help to develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. This compact is located in the front of the student handbook and students; parents sign the compact.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

Clarksville Primary School will involve parents on school improvement planning committees.

Clarksville Primary School will ask parents to serve on curricular and instructional review committees.

Clarksville Primary School will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parent and family engagement.

Clarksville Primary School takes advantage of community resources, we consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

Clarksville Primary School has Parent Teacher Organization to foster parental and community involvement within the school.

Clarksville Primary School coordinates and integrates parent and family engagement strategies with parent and family engagement strategies under other programs agencies such as the Head Start Program, Reading First Program, Early Reading First Program, Even Start Program, Parents as Teachers Program and, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, and state-run preschool programs.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Clarksville Primary School parents may check out materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational Web sites. Primary parents will be encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center or media center. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center at hours that are convenient to parents.

Clarksville Primary School works to promote and support responsible parenting, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through our school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

Clarksville Primary School engages parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parent and family engagement efforts through an annual evaluation. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement plan and make changes if warranted. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parent and family engagement will be a part of the evaluation.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at parent/teacher conference in the fall and spring to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.

Clarksville Primary School staff will review results of the fall and spring parent survey to implement adequate chances to improve parent and family engagement and student achievement. Results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parent and family engagement activities for the year.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

Clarksville Primary School holds an annual meeting that includes parents, teachers, students, and administrators.