



## South Conway County School District Parent and Community Involvement

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- A. The South Conway County School District understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the district shall work to
1. Involve parents and the community in the development of the long range planning of the district and Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement;
  2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parental involvement activities;
  3. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
  4. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the district enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPPY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs, and Even Start;
  5. Explain to parents and the community the State's content and achievement standards, State and local student assessments and how the district's curriculum is aligned with the assessments and how parents can work with the district to improve their child's academic achievement;
  6. Provide parents and schools with the materials and training to build their capacity to be better able to help students achieve. The district may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
  7. Educate district 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;
  8. Keep parents informed about parental involvement 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;
  9. Find ways to eliminate barriers that work to keep parents from being involved in their child's education. This may include arranging meetings at a variety of times, and being creative with parent/teacher conferences;
  10. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our district;
  11. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
  12. Provide reasonable support for other parental involvement activities as parents may reasonably request.
- B. To ensure the continued improvement of the district's parental/community involvement program, the district will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of its content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of the schools, including identify barriers to greater participation by parents (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background).

- C. Use findings of such evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and revise, if necessary, the parental involvement policies; and involve parents in the activities of schools served under Title I, Part A.
- D. This policy shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

**Legal References:** 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (a)(2),(A),(B),(D),(E) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118), 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (e)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118)

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## **Morrilton Intermediate School Parent and Community Involvement Plan**

- A. Each South Conway County School understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the school and those it serves. Therefore, each South Conway County School shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the school shall work to
1. Involve parents and the community in the development and improvement of Title I programs for the school, Title I plan and the process of school review and improvement;
  2. The school will involve parents in the review, improvement and printing of the school's parental involvement policy annually;
  3. Title I funds may be used for reasonable and appropriate expenses associated with parental involvement activities that will enable parents to participate in school-related meeting and training sessions;
  4. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the school enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start, HIPPIY, Parents as Partners, Parents as Teachers, ABC, ABC for School Success, area Pre-K programs and Even Start;
  5. 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;
  6. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child achieve. The school may use parent resource centers or other community based organizations to foster parental involvement and provide literacy and technology training to parents.
  7. 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;
  8. Keep parents informed about parental involvement 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;

9. 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;
  10. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of our school;
  11. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents;
  12. Provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child;
  13. Schools will jointly develop the school-parent compact with parents to ensure the compacts outlines how parents, the school staff and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.
- B. To help promote an understanding of each party's role in improving student learning, each South Conway County School shall develop a compact that outlines the responsibilities of parents, students, and the school staff in raising student academic achievement and in building the partnerships that will enable students to meet the State's academic standards.
- C. Each South Conway County School shall convene an annual meeting, or several meetings at varying times, including parent conferences to adequately reach parents of participating students, to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs and explain Title I, Part A, and the parents right to be involved in those programs.
- D. Each South Conway County School shall, at least annually, involve parents in planning, review and improvement of the school's Title I, Part A program and parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan.
- E. Provide parents of participating children with timely information about programs under this part and a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Provide opportunities, if requested, for regular meetings during which parents can formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions relating to the education of children and responses to any such suggestions as soon as possible.
- F. This policy/plan shall be part of the school's Title I plan and shall be distributed to parents of the district's students and provided, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

**Legal References:** 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (b)(1) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118), 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (c)(1),(2),(3),(4) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118), 20 U.S.C. § 6318 (d) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118), U.S.C. § 6318 (e)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5),(6),(8),(9),(10),(11),(13),(14) (NCLB Act of 2001, Section 1118),(Act 307 of 2007)

## **Morrilton Intermediate School Program Components**

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- **Involve parents of the school, alumni, and community members**

Parent Alumni Advisory Meetings

ACSIP Committee Members

District Parent Involvement Committee Members

Parent Teacher Organization Members and Officers (Leadership and trainers of parents)

- **Address grade levels and individual needs of the school**

Parent Survey

Parent Needs Survey

PTO Parent Survey

Newsletters

School Website: [www.sccsd.org/mis/](http://www.sccsd.org/mis/)

District Website: [www.sccsd.org](http://www.sccsd.org)

Pinnacle Software

School Messenger phone service

Letters

Conferences

- **Implement a volunteer plan**

Volunteer Resource Book

Parent Center Volunteers

School Volunteers

Library Book Fair

Field Trips

Fundraisers

Watch D.O.G.S.

PTO

**Informational Packets are distributed at registration and Open House and provide:**

Telephone numbers and personnel listings

School Handbook with the process for resolving parental concerns, parent visitation, pick-up procedures, and classroom visitation

**The Parent Center for SCCSD parents is located at Morrilton Intermediate School and provides**

Enrichment Prescription Referral Packets

Parent Requested Packets

Books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, pamphlets, brochures

Laminator, Ellison Machine die cuts, paper cutter

Photo copier

Parent computer with internet access

Educational games, flash cards, CDs, and manipulatives to check out

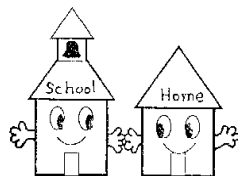
Community Services information

Summer Review Packets

Hospitality Lunch Hour for MIS parents

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00-4:00 and Wednesday 9:30-5:30

**For more information or to participate in a Parent Involvement Activity, contact Clair Pruitt, Parent Facilitator and Parent Center Coordinator, at 501-354-9485 or the school office at 501-354-9476.**



At Morrilton Intermediate School, events are scheduled that allow parents to actively participate in their children's education. For 2011-2012, the following calendar is available for parents in planning for upcoming activities (dates are subject to change) :

Morrilton Intermediate School 2011-12 Event Calendar			
Date	Grade(s)	Event	Time
August 1, 2011	All	New Student Registration	8:30-3:30
August 16, 2011	4	Open House	5:00
August 16, 2011	5	Open House	5:45
August 16, 2011	6	Open House	6:15
August 17, 2011	All	First Day of School	
August 23, 2011	5	Fifth Grade Benchmark Incentive	TBA
August 23, 2011	All	PTO Meeting	6:00
August 24, 2011	6	Band Rental Program Parent Meeting	3:30
August 25, 2011	4	Fourth Grade Benchmark Incentive	4:30
September 6-9, 2011	All	Book Fair	TBA
September 6, 2011	All	Watch D.O.G. Kick Off/PTO meeting/Parent Viewing	6:00
September 22, 2012	GT	GT Field Trip	TBA
September 30, 2011	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
October 5, 2011	All	Picture Day	8:30
October 11, 2011	4th	Library Parent Evening at County Library	6:00
October 14, 2011	All	Nine Weeks PAW Incentives	TBA
October 25, 2011	All	Math/Science/Literacy/Wellness Night	6:00
October 28, 2011	All	Fall Parties	2:00
October	All	Red Ribbon Week	TBA
October 31, 2011	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
November 11, 2011	5	Thanksgiving Meal with Parents	lunch
November 17, 2011	All	Parent Center Movie Pass Day	1:30
November 18, 2011	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
December 8, 2011	6	Christmas Concert (Jr. High Band performance)	TBA
December 15, 2011	4	Christmas Program	TBA
December	6	6th Grade Field Trip to Capitol	TBA
December	4,5	Christmas Meal with Parents	lunch
December 19, 2011	All	Nine Weeks PAW Incentives	TBA
December 20, 2011	All	Levels 2,3, and 4 Semester PAW Trip	TBA
December 21, 2011	All	Student Recognition Assembly	9:00
December 21, 2011	All	Holiday Parties	10:00
January 27, 2012	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
February 7, 2012	All	PTO Meeting / Parent meeting on Assessments	6:00
February 14, 2012	4	Parents Eat Lunch at School	11:00
February 14, 2012	All	Valentine Parties	2:00
February	All	Class Pictures	TBA
February	5	Game and Fish Trip	TBA

February 24, 2012	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
February 24, 2012	All	3rd Nine Weeks PAW Incentive	TBA
March 16, 2012	All	Honors/Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
April	All	Spring Pictures	TBA
April 19, 2012	6	6th Grade Honors Reception	6:30
April 26, 2012	GT	GT Field Trip	TBA
April 27, 2012	All	Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
May	6	Sixth Grade Field Trip	TBA
May	5	Talent Show	TBA
May	6	6th Grade Transition Trip to Junior High	TBA
May	3	Rising 4th Grade Transition Trip to MIS	TBA
May 1, 2011	6	6th Grade Band Concert	2nd and 3rd
May 8, 2012	All	Volunteer Reception	10:00
April 26	All	MIS Family Celebration Event (aka Spring Fling)	TBA
May 18, 2011	All	Fitness Test Reward	8:30
May 21, 2012	All	Look to the Future Day	8:30
May 22, 2012	All	Field Day/Kick Ball Tournament	8:30
May 23, 2012	All	Semester PAW Level 2,3, 4 Trip	TBA
May 24, 2012	All	Honors/Student Recognition Assembly	1:30
May 24, 2012	All	Nine Weeks PAW Incentives	TBA