

GENTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The faculty and staff of Gentry Primary School (GPS) believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. GPS provides a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. We believe teachers have a responsibility to provide the needed framework for parents to nurture their child's formal instruction at home. We will provide materials that can successfully be used at home to reinforce the academic success of our students. It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents are able to express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as partners in decision and policy making and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates.

The Title 1 Parental Involvement Committee, consisting of teachers, administrators, parents, and community members, met to analyze data from surveys and discussions with teachers, administrators, parents and community members. Using this data, the committee led a process to develop the following list of services and activities to promote parental involvement and provide additional support for learning:

1. School and staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.
 - Gentry Primary 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 relating to school achievement such as homework tips, organization skills, and study skills.
 - The Gentry School District Website: **gentrypioneers.com** houses the Gentry Primary School website. Teachers may create classroom websites which are linked to this page. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff.
 - Each teacher will send home a folder containing student papers and work samples each week. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school.
 - Teachers will contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
 - GPS will provide to parents midterm progress reports, as well as quarterly report cards and skills checklists with information regarding their child's academic progress.

- GPS will send parents a parent-friendly letter that explains their child's test results and standardized test scores at the first Parent-Teacher Conference.
- GPS will send fliers home with students, post notices in school facilities, and provide information for local newspapers about parent workshops and meetings.
- GPS will use the school Web site, Open House and Grade Level Parent Nights to inform parents about the School-wide Title 1 Plan and how to get a copy upon request.

2. Gentry Primary School (GPS) will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff capacity to engage in these types of efforts.

- These meetings may include parent-training sessions to help parents understand how to enhance their child's education.
- The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents.
- GPS will hold an Open House for parent before the first day of school to inform them about the school's participation in the Title I program and to encourage parents to be involved with reviewing and revising of the School's Title I Plan.
- Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school-parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures.
- GPS will engage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Book Fair Helpers	Open House
Award's Assemblies	Red Ribbon Week
Field Day Volunteers	Reading Buddy
Parent-Teacher Org. (PTO)	Field Trip Chaperones
Variety Show	Holiday Parties
Various Committees	Classroom Parent

3. Gentry Primary School will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

- GPS will provide opportunities for parents and community members to support the instructional program through such programs as reading buddies, tutoring, and teacher helper.
- GPS, in conjunction with the PTO, will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts during Open House, and PTO meetings. 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.

- Gentry Primary School will work with Gentry Intermediate School to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by raising parent awareness of procedures and related activities. The school will host special orientation programs for students to help with the transition. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teachers at the Open House before school starts.
4. GPS will work with parents to create a School-Parent-Student Compact.
 - School staff, parents, and students (if appropriate) will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved 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. All stakeholders will sign the compact.
 5. The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's Title I, Part A program.
 - The school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees.
 6. Gentry Primary School will provide a parent resource center for parents.
 - Parents may check out materials, use the computer in the Media Center to access Accelerated Reader, and visit educational Web sites. Parents will be encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the parent resource center. A suggestion sheet will also be available for parental input. The school will open the resource center during school office hours, Open House, and Parent-Teacher conferences.
 7. Gentry Primary School will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.
 - GPS will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A program's parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive assessment filled out by teachers, parents, and school staff. The Title I Committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.