

2016-2017
SIATech School Parent Involvement Plan

District

Arkansas School for Integrated Academics and Technologies Little Rock

School Improvement Status

Academic Distress

Grade Levels

9-12

Parent Involvement Coordinator

Wendylin Bryant

Title I Schoolwide

No

Percent of free and reduced lunch

48%

Parent Involvement Committee Members

First Name

Devita

Last Name

Crouther, RN

Position

School Nurse

First Name

Carlos

Last Name

Corbin

Position

Corbin Security (Community Member)

First Name

Melissa

Last Name

Pettus

Position

Parent

- 1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement 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.

The school will provide to parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academics progress and upcoming classroom and school events.

- 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 parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)**

Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parent 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.

The meetings will be held at various times during the day or evening to better accommodate parents.

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

STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development) 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 teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement 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?**

School staff, parents, and students will 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. All stakeholders will 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?

To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.

Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under other programs.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for revolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.

The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parental involvement efforts?

The school 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 needs 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. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.

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

The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at registration or at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.

The school will use the results of the parent interest survey to plan the parental involvement activities for the year.

The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement.

- 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.)**

The school will not hold annual Title I meeting due to the fact the charter does not receive any Title I funding.