

Conecuh County Jr. High School Parental Involvement Plan 2014-2015

The mission of Conecuh County Jr. High School is to foster and develop the overall growth academically, socially, emotionally, and physically, of each individual student, so that he/she might have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential to become a well-rounded productive citizen in our society.

Team Members include: Martha Hollinger (Principal), Ashley Brock (Library Media Specialist), Monica Mitchell (Reading Coach), Erin Etheridge (Teacher), Jennifer Jernigan (Parent), and Debbie Jacobs (Parent).

We know that parent involvement in a school setting can have a very positive effect on the academic achievement of the students. With that in mind, this plan is developed with the main goal being to develop a stronger partnership with all of the parents so they can reach their fullest potential. We strongly encourage the parents to become actively involved and please feel free to offer suggestions for this plan as we continue throughout the school year. We welcome your ideas and suggestions!

Explanation of the Parental Involvement Plans Development

Annually, the Parental Involvement Team that is listed above meet to review this plan and make any changes that need to be made to ensure that we are meeting our goal of developing partnerships with the parents. The plan is reviewed in September of each year and the changes that occur are due in part to parental surveys that were completed by the parents, suggestions, and ideas for improvement. The plan is then presented at the Open House that takes place in September. The team also sends a copy of the plan home and the parent in turn, signs a document that they received the plan and have read it. The plan is kept in all classrooms, the library, the office, and is posted on the school's website.

Schools Use of Parental Involvement Funds

Conecuh County Jr. High School will use the allocation of parent involvement funds to purchase newsletters for school/home communication and to purchase materials needed for parent meetings, test preparation materials, and other supplies that contribute only to Parental Involvement. The use of the funds are discussed at the meeting and ideas are presented to the parents at PTO. We encourage all parents to express ideas of ways the school could use the funds to develop a stronger partnership.

Flexible Scheduling of Meetings

Conecuh County Jr. High School will not limit parental input for the school to strictly the team members. Parents will be notified when the team will meet and if any parent would like to participate in a meeting can do so. If a parent is unable

to attend a meeting they are encouraged to contact a team member to express their ideas or concerns.

Educating Parents on all aspects of Title 1

There will be a meeting at the beginning of each school term that focuses solely on the educating of parents and stakeholders on Title 1. In this meeting, the principal will explain what it means to be a Title 1 school, an explanation of funds, and how it affects our school and community.

Open House

An open house meeting will occur in September and is separate from the Annual Title 1 Meeting. In this open house meeting the parents will be presented with the Parental Involvement Plan, an explanation of the ACIP plan, a review of assessment data, meeting new faculty, and expressing ideas for the upcoming school term.

School/Parent Compacts

The school/parent compact will be given to parents each year during the first week of school and is located in the Student Handbook. The parents are asked to review the compact and sign the document which signifies their commitment to working in partnership with the school and their child in ensuring that their child is successful in school. The signed compacts will be housed with their permanent records.

Parents' Right-to Know

"The No Child Left Behind Act" requires all school systems to notify all parents that they have the right to request and receive timely information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s). To ensure that parents are aware of this right, a summary of this policy is placed in the Student Handbook and is presented at the Annual Title I Parent Meeting. This act also requires that if a teacher is not "highly qualified" that notification should be made in writing and delivered to the parent.

Ensuring Parents Opportunities to Express Ideas or Concerns and Relaying School Information.

Conecuh County Jr. High School will ensure that parents are given the opportunity to express concerns or ideas through:

1. Parental Surveys
2. PTO meetings
3. Notification of upcoming Parental Involvement Meetings.
4. Statewide Parenting Day
5. Weekly folders.
6. Teacher/Parent Conferences
7. Phone Calls
8. Open House

- 9. Explanation of Title 1 Meeting
- 10. Newspapers
- 11. Blackboard Connect

Principal's Signature