

Parents are the Key

School Decision Making

In order to include families/community members as advisors in school decisions, Mabelvale Middle School encourages parents/community leaders to participate in the following forums, with the understanding that the principal is accountable for the operation of the school and has the final responsibility for all decisions made at the site.

Handbook Revision Committee (each spring)
(T. Troutman, 447-3042)

School/District ACSIP committees
(F. Moseley, 447-3058)

Parent Involvement Plan Review/Revision
(S. Withers, 447-3071)

Title I Meeting

The school will conduct an Annual Title I meeting with parents who participated in the Title I, Part A program. (Fall 2016). (F. Moseley, 447-3058 or S. Withers 447-3071)

Six Types of Involvement

Keys to Successful Partnerships

Parenting

Communicating

Volunteering

Learning at Home

Decision Making

Collaborating with the Community

Parent/Community 2016-2017 Involvement Plan, cont'd

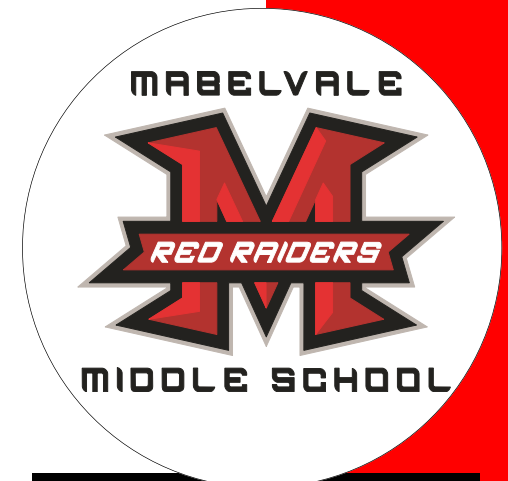
Collaboration with Community

Mabelvale Middle School strives to collaborate with community leaders and businesses in order to coordinate resources and services for the school, students, families, agencies, and other groups. Please contact Sir Withers for further info. (447-3071)

- . School / Club fundraisers
- . Guest Speakers
- . Guest Readers
- . Special classroom project needs
- . Special school project needs
- . Student / family needs (coordinated with school counselors)
- . Special Student rewards donated through area businesses.

Open door policy

Mabelvale Middle School has an "open-door" policy in which we invite families and community members to be a part of the activities in which our students participate. Parents are involved in the decision making process and school improvement plan implementation and evaluation. The Parent/Community Involvement Plan is designed to strengthen participation and to help it grow. We welcome any suggestions that will make our plan complete and in compliance with the purpose of Act 603 and the ADE guidelines. **Please feel free to contact Fran Moseley or Sir Withers, Parent Facilitators at 447-3058 if you have any questions regarding this brochure.**



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Parent Involvement Plan**

2016-2017

Rhonda Hall, Principal
447-3000



Parent/Community 2016-2017 Involvement Plan,

Mabelvale Middle School is a supportive innovative diverse community where all students become life-long learners through collaboration ,real world experiences, and exposure to rigorous curriculum.

Students: 6,7,8 Grades

Title I School

100% Provisional Lunch

School Status: Priority

Parent Committee Members:

R. Hall, Principal

F. Moseley, Teacher/Parent Facilitator

S. Withers Teacher/Parent Facilitator

Q. Beavers, API

A. Zottoli, Teacher

C. Clinkscale, Teacher

V. Smith, Parent

C. Carroll, Parent

R. Crosby, Parent

C. Davis, Parent

Purpose

Parents and community leaders play a crucial role in the success of our children's education, and Mabelvale Middle School (MMS) would like to encourage parents/community members to be full partners in the education of our children. To help accomplish this goal, the school has developed a parental involvement plan in compliance with Act 603 of 2003 and according to guidance provided by the Arkansas Department of Education. We believe that student achievement will increase as a result of improved communication among all stakeholders.

Communication Strategies

In order to establish an effective parental/community involvement plan it is essential that communication between parents, schools, educators, and community members be frequent, clear and two-way. When we work as a team we help to strengthen schools, families, communities, and learning. Mabelvale Middle School will strive to strengthen communication through various forms of education.

Parent/Community 2016-2017 Involvement Plan, cont'd

(Communication Strategies—Continued)

- .Maintain School Website & .Edline—K. Ford (447-3025)
- LRSD School Handbook
T. Troutman (447-3042)
- Mabelvale Middle School Partners in Education, S. Withers (447- 3071)
- New Student Orientation, S. Green (447-3004)
- . Parent Open House, R. Hall (447-3000)
- Quarterly/Interim Progress Reports
K. Ford, (447-3025)
- Raider Round-Up Newsletters
- www.lrsd.org
- LRSD Parent-Link

Parent Involvement Activities

In addition to Family Nights, the school will host Literacy and Math Nights. Many other additional activities include, but not limited to:

- **6th Grade Orientation (6th Grade Staff) August 11 2016**
- **Open Houses (Staff) September 8., 2016**
- **Honor Roll Assemblies (Grade Level Teams) per Quarter**
- **Spring Fest (Staff) April**
- **Family Nights (Literacy and Math Coaches) October/March**
- **Southwest Cluster Team Activities (Fall/Spring) (Parent Facilitators)**

****Parents are surveyed after each event for evaluation and effectiveness in regards to future planning.**

***Call 447-3000 for further information about these events**

Parent Volunteers Please see and complete Parent Volunteer Survey for a complete list of opportunities located in Parent Involvement Kit. Please remember to sign the VIPS Resource book when working in our building. For further information call S. Withers 447-3071.

Parent/Community 2016-2017 Involvement Plan, cont'd

School-Parent Compact

As a component of Mabelvale Middle School's parent involvement policy, the school jointly developed with parents a school-parent compact that outlines how: Parents, the entire staff, and students will 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 standards. Compacts are sent home on the first day of school and are kept in the student's files during the school year.
(F. Moseley, 447-3058)

Parenting Services

In an effort to provide parents with essential tools to help with child-rearing, counselors are available to help parents with child-rearing skills, understanding child and adolescent development and setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level.

- . School Website – Academic Tips for Parents & Counselor's page (MMS.org)
- . Parent Center– Located in Front Office
- Hours: 8:45-3:45
- . MMS Media Center available for Parents
- . Living Hope: (663-5473)
- . Southwest Cluster Team
- LRSD Parent Involvement Office at 447-3358 (K.Rainey)

Parent Surveys

Parent surveys are conducted throughout the year on ways that parents can volunteer and also, about what MMS can offer their families. (MMS. Org.) Parents are also surveyed during the year about various topics using LRSD Parent-Link. (S. Withers 447- 3071)