

“Passport to Success!”

Parent Involvement Plan / Community Kit
2016-2017

Mabelvale Middle School



“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”.

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Parent / Community Involvement Plan

Purpose

Parents and community leaders play a crucial role in the success of our children's education, and Mabelvale Middle School 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

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 methods as listed:

- Maintain school website: Edline
- School handbook
- Mabelvale Middle School Partners in Education
- New Student Orientation
- Parent Open House,
- Quarterly and Interim Progress Reports
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Raider Round-Up Newsletter
- Team Communication
- LRSD Website
- Phonemaster

The school will continue to communicate with parents through notices sent home, newsletters and media, and through parent/teacher conferences. In addition to Family Nights, the school will host Literacy and Math Nights. Parents may also contact the school using the following district phone number, 501-447-3000

Parenting

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 – Tips for Parents & Counselor's page (Sherri Green 447-3004)
- Parenting internet links (mms.org)
- Living Hope: 663-5473

Student Learning

Mabelvale Middle School invites parents and community leaders to be involved in learning activities for children, including homework and other curriculum-linked activities and decisions.*

- Guest Readers
- Field trips

- Special programs (drama, choir, band, chess club, etc.)

Volunteering

Volunteering is an integral part of a good parental/community involvement plan. Parents and community leaders are encouraged to take an active role in school activities. The following are suggested ways in which parents and community leaders can help improve the learning process of our students.

- Guest Speakers
- Chaperone Field trips
- Engage in special class projects
- Shelve books in Media Center
- Help during Book Fair
- Help with club and team fundraisers
- Science Fair Judges
- Open House preparations
- New Student Orientation
- Registration
- Club programs
- Attend special class presentations and view student projects
- Special Olympics Coaches
- Black History Program

All volunteers are requested to sign in at the front office and receive a “Volunteer/Visitor” Pass. By doing this we will have a record of who volunteered, for whom, when and what was the purpose. We need to keep a record of this information because all volunteers will be recognized at the end of the school year. A volunteer’s time and efforts are important to our students and appreciated by all stakeholders involved in the learning process of our children, therefore, we want to recognize those who take time out of their busy lives to make a difference in the lives of our future leaders.

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)
- School / district ACSIP committees

Collaboration with the 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.

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

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. This 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 Mrs. Fran Moseley or Sir Withers Parent Facilitator, at 447-3000 if you have any questions regarding this document.

The National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS)

NNPS invites schools to use research-based approaches to organize and sustain excellent programs of family and community involvement that will increase student success in school. Mabelvale Middle School collaborates and support the LRSD Southwest Schools Cluster Team. Partnership Programs focus on the six "keys to involvement" identified by educational researchers as the critical components of home/school/community connections.

Six Types of Involvement: Keys to Successful Partnerships

1. **Parenting:** Assist families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students. Also, assist schools to better understand families.
2. **Communicating:** Conduct effective communications from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress.
3. **Volunteering:** Organize volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times.
4. **Learning at Home:** Involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.
5. **Decision Making:** Include families as participants in school decisions, and develop parent leaders and representatives.
6. **Collaborating with the Community:** Coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students, and the school, and provide services to the community.

Tips for Parents of Middle Schoolers

Organization: Advice for Parents

Developing good organizational skills is a key ingredient for success in school and in life. Although some people by nature are more organized than others, anyone can put routines and systems in place to help a child "get it together." Here's a list of strategies that you can use to help your child get -- and keep -- his life under control.

1. **Use checklists.**
2. **Organize homework assignments.**
3. **Designate a study space.**
4. **Set a designated study time.**
5. **Keep organized notebooks.**
6. **Conduct a weekly clean-up.**
7. **Create a household schedule.**
8. **Keep a master calendar.**
9. **Prepare for the day ahead.**
10. **Provide needed support while your child is learning to become more organized.**

Adapted from "Tips for Developing Organizational Skills in Children" by the [Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities \(CCLD\)](#). Call 1-888-478-6463 for important resources and information about learning disabilities.

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Title I
Parent/Student/Teacher/Principal Compact

Parent/Guardian Agreement

(Any person who is interested in helping this student may sign in lieu of the parent.) I want my child to succeed. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

- ___ See that my child is punctual and attends school regularly.
- ___ Support the school discipline policy.
- ___ Establish a time for homework and review homework regularly.
- ___ Provide a quiet, well lit place for study.
- ___ Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions.
- ___ Stay aware of what my child is learning.
- ___ Provide a library card for my child.
- ___ Read with my child and let my child see me read.

Signature _____

Student Agreement

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ___ Attend school regularly.
- ___ Come to school each day with pens, pencils, paper and other necessary tools for learning.
- ___ Complete and return homework assignments.
- ___ Observe regular study hours.
- ___ Conform to rules of student conduct.

Signature _____

Teacher Agreement

It is important that students achieve. Therefore I shall strive to do the following:

- ___ Provide appropriate and meaningful homework assignments for students.
- ___ Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with the assignments.
- ___ Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress.
- ___ Use special activities in the classroom to make learning enjoyable.

Signature _____

Principal Agreement

I support this form of parent involvement. Therefore, I shall strive to do the following:

- ___ Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teachers, parents and students.
- ___ Encourage teachers to regularly provide homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction.

Signature _____

Online Resources / Web Sites Mabelvale Middle School

Faculty Directories

Email Links: www.mabelvale.org

Little Rock School District General Information: www.lrsd.org

MMS Parent Facilitators: email: fran.moseley@lrsd.org 501-447-3000
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Online Parenting Resources / Web Sites:

- Arkansas Department of Education <http://arkedu.state.ar.us>
- Center for Effective Parenting <http://www.parenting-ed.org>
- Arkansas Family Literacy Family Center <http://www.familylit.com>
- Middle Web – Focuses on Adolescents <http://www.middleweb.com>
- Project Appleseed <http://www.projectappleseed.org>
- Reading Matters <http://www.readingmatters.net>
- Connect for Kids <http://www.connectforkids.com>
- Fact and Fiction (resource to screen content of student selected novels) <http://www.factandfiction.org>

Mabelvale Middle School Library Resources

The Mabelvale Middle School Media Center strives to provide a variety of print, non-print and electronic resources to support the school's curriculum. Materials are used by both faculty and students. In addition to housing approximately 13,000 books, video & audio tapes, magazines, journals, and professional resources, the Media Center up-dated computer labs. The Media Staff diligently works to provide a wide range of resources to meet the educational needs and interests of our students. (Virginia Thompson 447-3006)

Parent Volunteer Survey

Parent Volunteers are a vital part of the success Mabelvale Middle School students will experience during their adolescent years. This survey is used to connect parents who want to help with the right activity for your area of expertise or any area where you are willing to serve. Signing up for a category below does not commit you to *anything*. A representative will contact you as far in advance as possible to ask if you are available to help with an activity. Each adult in your family should complete this form and return it to the main office. Thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve your school in a positive manner.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Best days/times for you to volunteer: _____

E-mail address: _____

Your child's (children's) name(s): _____

His/her Grade: _____

I am interested in . . . (please check ALL that apply)

Helping out in my child's classroom:

- Being a Guest Reader
- Helping with special projects
- Chaperoning field trips

Working with students:

- Keyboarding for students with writing needs
- Assisting students in the Media Center
- Tutoring a child in reading or other subject

Subject: _____

- Sharing my area of expertise with students
(Career or hobbies)

Topics: _____

Communications:

- Making phone calls to volunteers
- Verbal translation to Spanish (mod. fluency)
- Expanding the school's web site

Partners in Education:

- Assisting with implementation of programs for MMS
- Working concessions a

Other opportunities:

New Partners in Education initiatives: _____

Media Center:

- Checking out books
- Shelving books
- Assisting students with research

Arts: Sharing your talents in the following areas:

- Dance
- Music
- Arts and crafts
- Drama
- Other: _____

Special events:

- Science Fair
- School Dance
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Hospitality/Child care:

- Providing snacks for school events
- Providing child care for other volunteers

- Teaching students/parents to use computers
- Gardening on the school grounds
- Other ideas: _____

If you have any questions concerning this survey, please contact Parent Facilitators, at 447-3000

Clubs / Organizations for Mabelvale Middle School

Mabelvale Middle School encourages all students to become a part of an extracurricular activity. We also recognize the importance of parents / community leaders to be actively involved in our programs as well. The list below includes all clubs, organizations, and extra curricular activities offered at Mabelvale Middle School.

- Choir
- Band
- Student Council
- Builders Club
- Delta Gardeners
- Genius Book Club
- AVID
- Special Olympics
- Walking Club
- Quiz Bowl
- 7th & 8th Grade Athletics
- 7th & 8th Grade Cheer Team
- 7th & 8th Grade Dance Team
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball
- 7th & 8th Grade Football
- 7th & 8th Grade Track
- 7th & 8th Grade Volleyball
- 7th & 8th Grade Soccer

As our school continues to grow we hope to add more clubs, organizations, and extra curricular activities to our menu of options in order to promote student involvement.

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2016-2017 Important Dates to Remember

August 1-2, 2016 Check-In
August 8-10 Professional Development
August 11-12 Teacher Work Days
August 15, 2016 First Day for Students

September 5, 2016 Labor Day Holiday (**Schools Closed**)
September 8, 2016 Open House
September 12, 2016 School Community Council Meeting
September 14, 2016 Lunch Buddies

October 10, 2016 School Community Council Meeting
October 13, 2016 End of 1st Quarter/**Parent Conference**
October 14, 2016 Parent Conferences (**Students Out**)
October 17, 2016 Professional Development (**Students Out**)

November 5-6, 2016 Professional Development (**Students Out**)
November 14, 2016 School Community Council Meeting
Nov. 23-27, 2016 Thanksgiving Holiday (**Schools Closed**)

December 12, 2016 School Community Council Meeting
December 16, 2016 Lunch Buddies
Dec. 21- Jan.3, 2017 Winter Vacation (**Schools Closed**)

January 4, 2017 Professional Development (**Students Out**)
January 9, 2017 School Community Council Meeting
January 18, 2017 M.L. King Holiday (**Schools Closed**)
January 29, 2017 Professional Development (**Students Out**)

February 8-12, 2017 3rd 9 Weeks Interim Report Week
February 13, 2017 School Community Council Meeting
February 15, 2017 Parent Conference (**Students Out**)
February 24, 2017 Lunch Buddies

March 13, 2017 School Community Council Meeting
March 18, 2017 Teacher Record Day (**Students Out**)
March 20-24, 2017 Spring Break (**Schools Closed**)

April 10, 2017 School Community Council Meeting

April 11, 2017 Math/Literacy Night

April 20, 2017 Lunch Buddies

April 25- April 29, 2017 4th 9 Weeks Interim Report Week

May 8, 2017 School Community Council Meeting

May 26, 2017 **Last Day for Students**

May 29, 2017 Memorial Day Holiday (**Schools Closed**)

May 30, 2017 **Last Day for Teachers** Teacher Record Day

May 30 – June 5, 2017 Inclement Weather Make-up Days

**** Check out www.lrsd.org & www.mabelvale.org for added activities throughout the year.