

**Henderson Middle School (HMS)**  
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**2015-2016 Parent Information Packet**

**2015-2016 PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

**Little Rock School District**  
**Henderson Health Sciences Magnet Middle School**  
**401 Johns Barrow Road**  
**Little Rock, AR 72205**

**Frank Williams, Principal**  
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**School Mission:** Henderson Magnet Middle School is a community of life-long learners committed to providing a structured, safe, and nurturing environment that supports rigorous, engaging, and differentiated instruction. This instruction is built on the foundation of strong relationships among teachers, students and parents, and is fostered by accountability and high expectations for all.

Henderson is a Title 1 School with 100% of the students receiving free and reduced lunch. We are currently a Priority School. Henderson serves students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Parent Involvement Committee Members**

Stephen Fuller, Assistant Principal  
Sharon Johnson, Parent Facilitator (501)447-2843  
Mrs. Dorothy Malone, 6th Grade Social Studies  
Ms. Janay Tatum, Business Teacher  
Yolonda Rooks, 7th Grade Math  
Jennifer Rowland, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Ms. Diana Shelton, PTSA President  
Mrs. Edna Lee, Parent  
Mrs. Tiphiney Adair, Parent  
Mr. Darrell Lasker, Parent  
\_\_\_\_\_, Student Council President

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**Communication**

The Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School Parental Involvement Plan recognizes that communication between home and school should be regular, two-way, and meaningful. To encourage communication Henderson Magnet Middle has developed a school wide web site, individual teacher web sites, and a Parent Involvement web site. On our web sites, parents will be able to check events, test results, homework assignments, student progress, deadlines, and a copy of the Parent Involvement Plan. Each student will be given an Agenda Book to be used both for communication and organization. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

**Parent Workshops/Meetings**

Five planned parent workshops will be scheduled for this year. The workshops provide opportunities for parents and their children to experience the classroom in a positive and helpful manner, while school staff provides needed assistance and encouragement. A fulltime ESL Interpreter is available to our parents of Hispanic descent. Other parent workshops will be available to parents that will address their needs and provide strategies that can be used at home to enhance math, literacy, and study skills. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

PTSA meetings and workshops are held throughout the year following a varied schedule to accommodate the needs of families. The Parent Involvement Facilitator is available to provide information to the parents during these meetings.

Contact Person: Mrs. Dianna Shelton, Parent (PTSA President) 501-838-2094

Two parent conference opportunities have been scheduled by the Little Rock School District, one in the fall and one in mid winter. Additional conferences are scheduled at the request of the parents and/or teachers. Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to participate in the following activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning.

Activity	Date(s)	Time	Contact Person
Registration and Volunteer Sign-Up	August 3-4, 2015	10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.	Frank Williams 501-447-2802 <a href="mailto:frank.williams@lrdsd.org">frank.williams@lrdsd.org</a>
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade and New Student Orientation	August 13, 2015	9:30 A.M.	Frank Williams 501-447-2802 <a href="mailto:frank.williams@lrdsd.org">frank.williams@lrdsd.org</a>
PTSA Meeting	September 10, 2014	5:30 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianna@lrdsd.org">dianna@lrdsd.org</a>
Open House	September 10, 2015	6:00 -8:00 P.M.	Frank Williams 501-447-2802 <a href="mailto:frank.williams@lrdsd.org">frank.williams@lrdsd.org</a>
Title 1 Parent Meeting	September 10, 2014	5:00 P.M.	Frank Williams 501-447-2802 <a href="mailto:frank.williams@lrdsd.org">frank.williams@lrdsd.org</a> Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrdsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrdsd.org</a>
National Hispanic Heritage Month Observance	October 15, 2015	During Lunch Period	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrdsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrdsd.org</a> Yolanda Fernandez 501-447-2800 <a href="mailto:Yolanda.Fernandez@lrdsd.org">Yolanda.Fernandez@lrdsd.org</a>

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Literacy Night Lights On Afterschool	October 15, 2015	6:00 P.M.	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org</a> Tiffani Jones 501-447-2848 <a href="mailto:Tiffani.jones@lrsd.org">Tiffani.jones@lrsd.org</a>
Math Night	November 12, 2015	6:00 P.M.	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org</a> Tawanna Pinkard 501-447-2921 <a href="mailto:Tawann.pinkard@lrsd.org">Tawann.pinkard@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA Meeting	November 19, 2015	5:30 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Recruitment/Open House	November 2, 2015	All Day	Frank Williams 501-447-2802 <a href="mailto:frank.williams@lrsd.org">frank.williams@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA Meeting	December 17, 2015	6:00 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Band/Choir Concert	December 17, 2015	6:00 P.M.	Darrell.Lawrence 501-447-2817 <a href="mailto:Darrell.Lawrence@lrsd.org">Darrell.Lawrence@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA Meeting	January 14, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Career Day/College T-Shirt Day	January 15, 2016	All Day	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2889 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org</a>
Common Core	February 11, 2016	6:00	Vekissa Wilson 501-447-2879 <a href="mailto:Vekissa.wilson@lrsd.org">Vekissa.wilson@lrsd.org</a> Tamara Rowe 501-447-2888 <a href="mailto:Tamara.rowe@lrsd.org">Tamara.rowe@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA Meeting	February 18, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Black History Program	February 26, 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Period	Andre Warren 501-447-2815 <a href="mailto:Andre.warren@lrsd.org">Andre.warren@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA	April 14, 2016	5:30 P.M.	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Parents Make a Difference Day	April 4, 2016	6:00 P.M.	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org</a> Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>
Spotlight on Parents Night	April 28, 2016 TBD	6:00 P.M.	Sharon Johnson 501-447-2843 <a href="mailto:Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org">Sharon.johnson@lrsd.org</a> Sheila Hayes <a href="mailto:Shelia.hayes@lrsd.org">Shelia.hayes@lrsd.org</a>
PTSA	May 19, 2016	5:30	Dianna Shelton 501-838-2094 <a href="mailto:dianaltlrck@gmail.com">dianaltlrck@gmail.com</a>

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School is committed to providing opportunities for the maximum growth and development of each of its students. Parents and volunteers are a part of this commitment. In an effort to provide a very positive experience for both the students and their parents, volunteer sign-up sheets are available during registration, PTSA meetings, Family Nights and in our main office. Opportunities for parent involvement are integrated in various programs during the year such as mentoring, main office duties, PTSA meetings, sporting events, and library duties.

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Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of its Parental Involvement Program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the Little Rock School District. The principal has designated one certified staff member to serve as a parent facilitator. The parent facilitator organizes meaningful training for staff and parents to help promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere for parental involvement at Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School. The parent facilitator ensures that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the students and the school. The person serving as the Parent Facilitator receives supplemental pay for the assigned duties as required by law. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

Staff development opportunities, as required by the State Board of Education's Standards of Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools, are offered each year. Two hours of professional development opportunities for teachers are offered during pre-school staff development. This professional development is designed to enhance an understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

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Three hours of professional development opportunities are also offered to our school administrators. Their professional development is designed to enhance an understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. These parental involvement hours are included in the sixty hours of staff development required by the Arkansas Department of Education.

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**School Parent Compact**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School and its parents build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. The school staff, parents, and students develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement. All stakeholders sign the compact.

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**Developing, Implementing, and Evaluating Title I, Part A**

Henderson Health Sciences Magnet Middle School has parent representatives who attend the monthly PTSA Council meetings and are becoming familiar with the process involved in school improvement planning and making decisions about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement. To support this process, the school will offer both staff and parents training on how to contribute in a meaningful way. In an effort to take advantage of community resources, the school will recruit former alumni to attend meetings and provide advice and guidance for school improvement. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

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##### **Resources for Parents**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School promotes and supports responsible parenting. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the School's Parent Resource Area which is located next to the main office. This area provides information to parents, students, teachers, and staff on many subjects regarding: parenting topics, behavior issues, discipline, depression, drug awareness, tips for completing homework, etc. Some of the items are available for "Parent Check-Out" through the Media Center. There is an office located in the media center which has a computer that is available to parents for checking grades on edline and to visit educational **web** sites. Parents are encouraged to view the Title I Plan located in the Library. Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School has purchased books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

Each year informational packets are distributed to parents that include: a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, a survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and the school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that is used to allow parents and teachers to have an open line of communication via, notes, phone call, e-mail and the agenda book. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

##### **Parent Involvement Evaluation**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School will be engaging parents in an annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Program's parental involvement efforts through a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by parents, teachers, and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents, and school staff will determine the effectiveness of the parent involvement plan and make any changes if warranted. This collection of evidence will also provide specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of the parents; (3) the effectiveness of specific strategies and (4) the engagement of parents in activities that help to support student academic growth. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

##### **Parental Involvement Surveys**

At Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School parents are asked to complete the VIP's interest survey during registration each school year. This survey provides information concerning the activities parents feel most beneficial in their efforts to support their child academically. This list is compiled and distributed to the teachers and staff for future use as needed. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

##### **Annual Title I Meeting**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School conducts an Annual Title I meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program. This meeting will be held on September 19, 2013. The school's annual Title I meeting is separate from any other meetings or activities to make sure that presenters have time to provide a description of the school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments that are used to measure student progress, and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. The agenda, sign-in sheet, and the minutes for this meeting are generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the Title I Coach's office. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843

##### **National Network of Partnership Schools**

Henderson Health Science Magnet Middle School is a member of Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership family model is utilized to maximize parent participation and involvement in the school and community. The family model is researched based and references engagement, activities, and resources for the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision-Making and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of involvement, Henderson participates on the LRSD NNPS West School Cluster Team. Contact Person: Sharon Johnson (501)447-2843