

Little Rock School District

**Gibbs Magnet
Parental Involvement Plan/2015-2016**

School Mission: The entire community of Gibbs Magnet School of International Studies and Foreign Languages will encourage all children to achieve high academic standards, as they become good citizens of the world in the 21st century.

Principal: Dr. Felicia Hobbs

Parent Facilitator: Jessica Harris (Sanders)

District: Little Rock School District

School Improvement Status: Needs Improvement

Grade levels: Prek-5

Are you title 1 school wide: Yes

Percent of free/reduced lunch: 40.59 percent

Parent Involvement Committee Members

Felicia Hobbs, Principal
Kathy Parrish, Teacher
Jeffrey Nesmith, Teacher
Ashley Sims, Teacher
VP Parker, Parent
Melissa James, Parent
Jessica Harris (Sanders), Teacher

Gibbs Magnet will communicate with parents in the following ways to increase parent involvement and to support classroom instruction by:

- Distributing a weekly newsletter developed by school staff, principal and the parent teacher association which will include school news and activities, district events, and parenting tips. Vicki Gonterman writes the newsletter. She can be contacted at 447-4921 or Vicki.gonterman@lrsd.org.
- Distributing parent involvement surveys at the beginning of the year to help develop goals and objectives for the school year. This survey will be distributed by the parent facilitator and/or the PTA. For more information, contact Brandi Nichols at bee_leigh@yahoo.com or Jessica Harris at 447-4900 or jessica.harris@lrsd.org.
- Distributing volunteer opportunities to all parents. Then, a volunteer resource document will be created and shared with staff and parents. This will be distributed during the fall semester of 2015.
- Utilizing the school website and edline to communicate pertinent school information. Edline provides parents access to their child's grades and parents may use edline to communicate with their child's teacher. Contact Lori Diffey for more information at 447-4935 or lori.diffey@lrsd.org.

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- Providing two parent teacher conferences per school year for individual parents to discuss academic and behavioral progress of their students. **Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 15th & 19th, 2015 & February 12th & 16th, 2016.**
- Utilizing student's assignment notebooks, teacher web pages, e-mail and telephone calls to communicate individual student's academic and behavioral progress.
- PTA has an additional website

Gibbs Magnet will plan the following activities to increase parental involvement and to build staff and parent capacity:

- Parent observations and training sessions will be scheduled to help parents help their children academically. These may be scheduled by individual teachers and or grade levels. You may contact your child's teacher for further information.
- A family math and literacy night will be scheduled to help parents better understand instructional strategies and their purpose in the classroom setting. This will be held in the fall.
- Annually, the school will host a Grand Gathering the transition to a new school year and communicate school expectations. **This will be held on August 13, 2015.**
- During a title 1 parent meeting, the school principal will share statewide assessment information with parents. Also, teachers will provide an overview of grade level expectations and classroom rules and procedures. This will be announced in the fall. **This will be held on August 13, 2015.**
- Gibbs Magnet will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Check-In	Aug. 4th & 5 th	PTA/Staff
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- Gibbs Grand Gathering (Open House) Aug. 13th 5:00-7:00
- Annual Title 1 Meeting Aug. 13th 5:00-5:30 (At the beginning of the Gibbs Grand Gathering)
- Grandparent's Day Sept. 4th (During Student Lunch Times)
- Staff meeting Sept. 7th 3:05-4:05
- PTA Meeting Sept. 10th 5:30
- STEM Night Sept. 29th 5:30-7:00
- Science Fair Intro. (4th & 5th grade parents) Oct. 1
- Coffee Cafe Oct. 2nd 7:15-8:00
- Staff Meeting Oct. 5th 3:05-4:05
- Third & Fourth Grade Musical Oc. 12th 1:00 & 6:00
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 15th 4:00-7:00
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 19th 7:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- Dad's Day Lunch Oct. 23rd (During Student Lunch Times)
- Staff Meeting Nov. 2nd 3:05-4:05
- Honor's Assembly Nov. 4th (During Foreign Language Times)
- PTA Meeting Nov. 12th 5:30

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- Coffee Cafe Nov. 13th 7:15-8:00
- Jane Mendel Reading Day Nov. 17th 8:00-9:00
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon Nov. 20th (During staff lunch times)
- Coffee Café Dec. 4th 7:15-8:00
- Staff Meeting Dec. 7th 3:05-4:05
- First and Second Grade Musical Dec. 7th 1:00 & 6:00
- Birthday Table Dec. 11th (During Student Lunch Times)
- Holiday Parties Dec. 18th 1:05-2:15
- Coffee Café Jan. 8th 7:15-8:00
- Staff Meeting Jan. 11th 3:05-4:05
- PTA Meeting Jan. 14th 5:30
- Honor's Assemblies Jan. 22nd (During Foreign Language Times)
- Staff meeting Feb. 1st 3:05-4:05
- Coffee Café Feb. 5th 7:15-8:00
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 11th 4:00-7:00
- Valentine's Day Parties Feb. 12th 1:00-2:15
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:45-11:00
- Coffee Café March 4th 7:15-8:00
- Staff Meeting March 7th 3:05-4:05
- Kindergarten Musical March 7th 1:00 & 6:00
- PTA Meeting March 10th 5:30
- Birthday Table March 11th (During Student Lunch Times)
- Coffee Café April 1st 7:15-8:00
- Staff Meeting April 4th 3:05-4:05
- Honor's Assemblies April 15th (During Foreign Language Times)
- Earth Day Parade April 22nd 1:00
- Staff Appreciation Week May 2nd-6th
- Staff Meeting May 7th 3:05-4:05
- International Festival May 6th 5:30-7:30
- Coffee Café May 6th 7:15-8:00
- Fifth Grade Musical May 9th 12:30 & 6:00
- Mother's Day Luncheon May 10th (During Student Lunch Times)
- PTA Meeting May 12th 5:30
- Birthday Table May 13th (During Student Lunch Times)
- Gibbs Games May 20th
- Pre-K Graduation May 25th
- Honor's and Recognition Assemblies May 26th (8:30 & 1:00)
- Fifth Grade Honor's Recognition May 27th 12:15
- Step Up Day June 4th
- Last Day of School June 4th

Garden Club	Weekly	PTA
Gibbs Gaming Club	Monthly	School Staff/Parent
Nerdy Bookworms Reading Club	Monthly	School Staff/Parent

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Yearbook Club	Monthly	School Staff/Parent
Destination Imagination	Ongoing	Rhonda Adams/Parents
Kids Stick Together Club	Monthly	Jennifer White/ Parents
International Speaker's Bureau	Ongoing	Vicki Gonterman
Field Trips	Ongoing	School Staff
Field Day	Spring	School Staff

For information regarding the above activities, contact Jessica Harris, 447-4900 or jessica.harris@lrsd.org

Gibbs Magnet will distribute a list of volunteer opportunities and allow parents to select activities and/or events of interest. Procedures for various involvement opportunities will be briefly outlined by previous volunteers or the PTA.

- Gibbs Magnet will work with the various LRSD middle schools to help provide a smooth transition from one school to the next by communicating the orientation process. A special orientation meeting will be held for parents of fifth graders to help them understand the move to middle school. You may contact Kecia Fells at 447-4904 or Kecia.fells@lrsd.org for further information. This occurs during the month of January.
- Gibbs Magnet will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: Role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. For more information, contact Felicia Hobbs at 447-4900 or Felicia.hobbs@lrsd.org.
- The parent facilitator or trained designee will provide no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental involvement strategies.

Gibbs Magnet will work with the PTA to develop a school-parent-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.

- Gibbs Magnet will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide ACSIP Plan/Indistar to engage them in the decision-making process in regards to student achievement.
- Gibbs Magnet will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. Parents and staff will be provided with a brief training concerning this process by the school principal. This training will occur during open house. Contact Felicia Hobbs for more information at 447-4900 or Felicia.hobbs@lrsd.org.

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- Gibbs Magnet will take advantage of the community resources for school improvement purposes.
- Gibbs Magnet Parent teacher Association will foster parental and community involvement within the school. Contact Brandi Nichols bee_leigh@yahoo.com for additional information.

Gibbs Magnet will provide the following resources for parents:

- Gibbs Magnet has a parent center with easy accessibility to parents. It is located in the hallway across from the cafeteria and is available for parent use during school hours and after school. You may contact Jessica Harris at 447-4900 or jessica.harris@lrsd.org for further information.
- Parents will also be encouraged to utilize the media center as a resource to help access edline to check student progress.
- Gibbs Magnet will distribute informational packets each year that include a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and 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 will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail) This information will be given out during check in on August 4th & 5th Gibbs Magnet will promote and support responsible parenting; the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
- Gibbs Magnet provides in the informational packet information on the process for resolving parental concerns step by step.

Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the evaluation of our parental involvement efforts.

- Gibbs Magnet will engage parents in the annually evaluation of the parental involvement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment completed by teachers, parents and school staff. The parental involvement committee will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted.
- Gibbs Magnet will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities that will be offered throughout the year.
- Gibbs Magnet will use the parent survey will be distributed at the end of each school year to gather information on parental program effectiveness.

Gibbs Magnet will use the information collected to determine which activities to continue or discontinue.

National Network of Partnership Schools

Metropolitan Career Technical Center (CTE) is a member of Johns Hopkins University National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). The NNPS School, Family and Community Partnership model is designed

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to enhance parent participation and involvement in the school and community. The model is researched based and references six types of involvement: Parenting, Communicating, Volunteering, Student Learning, Decision-Making and Collaborating with the Community. To support the six types of involvement, Gibbs Magnet Elementary School participates on the LRSD NNPS Central-East School Cluster Team. (**Jessica E. Harris, 447-4900, jessica.harris@lrsd.org**).