

Robert L. Davis Elementary

Family & Community Engagement Plan



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Parental Involvement Plan

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The mission of Robert L. Davis Elementary is “to provide a rigorous and relevant education in a nurturing environment.” We value the role parents play as their children’s first teacher and the influences of their continued support and partnership to promote higher student academic achievement and school performance.

Davis Elementary envisions quality education for all by maintaining a positive, nurturing, and self-motivating environment. To achieve our goal, we promote and encourage parents and the community to be partners in the education and development of our children as we strive to meet the challenging standard of serving all children in an ever-changing society.

The following outline is in compliance with the legal requirements of **Arkansas Act 603 of 2003 (6-15-1602- Parent Involvement Plan), Act 307 of 2007 (6-15-1702 Parent Involvement Plan) and the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (PL 114-95).**

Parents, members of the community, students, and school staff collaborated on this document to reach the needs of all students and their individual diversities. Robert L. Davis Elementary School’s Parental Involvement Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Parenting

Involve parents of students at all grade levels in a variety of roles – such as volunteers, resource people, judges in writing projects, on advisory committees, and various other activities.

Examples at R.L. Davis include:

1. Homeroom Helper: volunteers for classrooms during activities, parties, field trips, special events
2. The “Granny Squad”: helps with making copies for teachers, helping gather resources, volunteering in the classrooms, etc.
3. Watch Dog Dads: An invitation is extended to families (dads, grandfathers, etc.) to volunteer their time at the school helping in classrooms, lunchroom, mentoring, recess, activities, etc.
4. Community members to serves as judges for Red Ribbon Week contests, Spelling Bee, Career Day, and other activities at the schools
5. Actively participate in the school PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization).

Communicating

Parents and faculty are encouraged to maintain regular, two-way communication throughout the year. Teachers will communicate with parents through a newsletter about what students will be learning in school each week. The school will send

emails, educational and school apps (Remind, Class Dojo, Bryant), Blackboard announcements, classroom social media pages, and newsletters home to keep everyone informed of special dates and events. All elementary teachers will meet with parents or guardians of each student at least once a semester through parent/teacher conferences, telephone conferences, or a home visit. Teachers will communicate more frequently if additional support is needed. Administrators and/or counselors may contact parents regarding positive or negative behaviors that involve their child.

Other examples of communication between the school and parents will include the following:

- *Provide informational packets with a variety of resources according to grade level. These packets will include items such as school calendars, schedules of special events, explanations of curriculum standards, the interim testing schedule, the school compact, school handbooks, supply lists, learning expectations, etc. These packets will be given to parents at registration, open houses, or during conference times.

- *The district's website, www.bryantschools.org, will be made available to parents and guardians to provide information concerning the schools and the schools' activities. Each staff member will have a designated page with information about their classroom, upcoming events, and programs at the school.

- *Provide training & access to our Home Access Center (HAC), a website which allows parents to monitor their child's academic progress and attendance.

- *Send home classroom and school newsletters on a regular basis.

- *Utilize "Blackboard MyConnect," an email/text message system, to help keep parents and guardians notified of up-to-date announcements, weather closings, school news, and events.

- *Download the official Bryant Public Schools app to have a personalized window into what is happening in the district and at our schools. Parents can receive notifications and access the district directory.

Promoting and supporting responsible parenting

Robert L. Davis Elementary School will:

- *Recognize parental involvement through local media including feature articles and/or pictures.

*Provide parenting books, magazines and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through the school library and in the counseling center.

*Supply parents with parenting books on assisting with homework, working with Preschool children, and other topics concerning effective parenting.

*School counselors are available to help parents with child-rearing skills and understanding child development.

*Create a school newsletter to be distributed to all parents in the student homework folder.

*DES will provide information about developmentally appropriate learning activities regarding wellness of the whole child through a variety of communication means such as: school newsletter, BPS website, speakers/programs, and other activities at the school. Areas that will be addressed during the year include, but are not limited to: nutritional meal planning, healthy food choices, benefits of physical activity, role-play, and personal/social issues at home and school.

*Send home a monthly calendar of scheduled school and class events.

*Coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies for preschool children through our HIPPIY program.

*A district Parent Center is located the Bryant Elementary Campus. Katie Brooks, our district's Parent Center Coordinator, can be reached at 501 653-5081.

Current items in the parent center:

- * Parenting books, pamphlets

- *Homework Help/Tips, Kindergarten prep, etc.

- *Access to a computer/internet

- *Community Resources

- *Divorce, loss, grief, etc. resources

- *Community Resources

Parental Awareness in student learning

Robert L. Davis Elementary School will:

- *Schedule regular "Parent Nights" where parents are given a report on the state of the school, an overview of curriculum, assessment, expectations of both parents and teachers, and how parents can assist and make a difference in his or her child's education.

Examples include:

- * Title I Annual Public Meeting
- * Report to the Public
- *Family Math, Science, and Literacy Nights
- *Technology training to demonstrate what students are using in the classroom and allow parents to support the learning at home. (Example: How to use search engines, iReady)
- *Open-house meeting for parents the week before school begins.
- *PTO events throughout the year.

Encouraging parental support and assistance

R.L. Davis Elementary will encourage parental support and assistance in the following ways:

- *Distribute copies of our parental involvement plan.
- *Give the parents our policy that encourages parents to:
 - a. Visit a child's classroom during regular school hours and scheduled events.
 - b. Visit with the counselor/and or principal regularly or if a need arises.
 - c. Explains parent visitation in classrooms and pick-up procedures.
- *Publish a volunteer resource book that lists and matches the interests and availability of volunteers to school staff members. The survey that shows parental interests, frequency of wish to participate (may be only once a year), and listing options for those available to work at home will be included.
 - . A volunteer sign-in sheet in the resource book will be located in the outer office.
 - a. All volunteers will receive training/instruction and agree to follow volunteer guidelines.
 - b. Parents entering the building will be encouraged to volunteer their services.
 - c. The resource list and survey will be included in the resource book.
- *All students and parents will receive an "Elementary Parent/Student Handbook" outlining their rights and responsibilities which includes the school district's commitment to parental involvement.

Recognizing full partnerships between school and family

Robert L. Davis Elementary School recognizes that a parent is a full partner in the decisions that affect his or her child and family. R.L. Davis Elementary will include parents by:

- *Publishing the school's process for resolving parental concerns (defining the problem, the chain of command, and how to develop solutions) in the Davis Elementary/Bryant School District handbook/agenda.
- *Scheduling parent conferences at times agreed upon by the parents, teachers, and or principal.
- *Including parents on the handbook/agenda committee to review and update handbook/agenda annually.
- *Providing extra copies of the handbook/agenda so it will be available upon requests.
- *Our school is made up of a diverse population, and parental involvement committee members from all groups will be invited and included.
- *Parental Involvement meetings will be held at various times to allow equal access. Funds may be used to provide transportation, child care, or home visits, as the services relate to parent involvement.
- *Involving parents on the ACSIP committee.

Collaborating with Community Resources

- *A parent advisory commission made up of alumni parents and current parents will be established to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
- *Coordinate with the Boys and Girls Club, HIPPY, ABC program.
- *Involve community patrons in the ACSIP plan for school improvement as participants in advisory capacities.
- *Work with community/business members to help with and promote activities within the school to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
 1. Ask for volunteers to visit classrooms.
 2. Provide opportunities for our local businesses to support our school financially and/or with human resources.
 3. Ask for referral services.
 4. Publish partners of R.L. Davis Elementary School in our newsletters and in the newspaper.

5. Collaborate with our local Chamber Education Committee.

*Support the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of the program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school district by including parents in the ACSIP plan, Title I plans, handbook revisions, and in the PTO. Parent evaluation surveys will be disseminated at the end of each year and will be included as a part of the school/district evaluations of programs.

The principal of Robert L. Davis Elementary School will designate at least one certified staff member that is willing to serve as family and community engagement facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff and parents promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parental involvement.

Designate a certified staff member at the beginning of the school year.

Seek supplemental payment for the designated employee.

Show parental involvement as an asset to the school.

The Bryant School District will require (2) two hours of staff development every four years to enhance the understanding of effective parenting. These two hours may be included in the teacher's required (60) sixty hours of staff development required by the state. The district will provide (2) two hours of staff development.

The Bryant School District will require (3) three hours for district administrators of staff development designed to enhance understanding of effective parental involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

Davis Elementary School will annually review and update the parental involvement plan and give it to the superintendent.

Davis Elementary School Parental Involvement Plan will be reviewed by Department of Education as part of the Bryant School District's Parental Involvement Plan.

Davis Elementary School Events

2018-2019

Please check the weekly teacher newsletter and the monthly school newsletter for additional event information.

August

Open House – Back to School Bash
School Starts
Peanut Butter Drive to support Rice Depot – Devin Sherrill
(Continues until the Salt Bowl)

September

PTO Meeting
Fall School Fundraiser
Goodies With Grandparents/Book Fair
Family Night/Annual Report to the Public & Title 1 Report

Top Dog Watchdogs Planning Meeting
Progress Reports
Faculty Meeting
Watchdog Dads Kickoff
Guys Night Out

October

PTO Meeting
School Clubs (Starting)
Flu Clinic
Fall Carnival
Report Cards Issued
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Professional Development
Red Ribbon Week

November

PTO Meeting
Race 4 the Cure
Pink Out Day for Race 4 the Cure
Veteran's Day Program
Mother Daughter Paint Night
Progress Reports – Teachers
Family Thanksgiving Lunch

December

PTO Meeting
Shannon Hills Christmas Parade (committee for planning)
3rd grade Christmas program
Spelling Bee
Staff Christmas Luncheon
Classroom Holiday Events/Activities

January

Professional Development
PTO Meeting
Report Cards
Awards Programs (Semester)
Snowflake Ball Father/Daughter Dance

February

PTO Meeting
Progress Reports
Valentine Parties
Donuts with Dad
Professional Development
Jump Rope for Heart
Dr. Seuss Week

March

PTO Meeting
Spring Fundraiser
Report Cards
Parent/Teacher Conferences

April

PTO Meeting
Progress Reports
Spring School Fundraiser
Family Night/Book Fair
Mom/Son Night

May

PTO Meeting
Muffins with Moms
Big Fun Day
Volunteer Tea
5th Grade Celebration
Report Cards
K-4 Awards

All Year:

- *Positive Communication with Parents
- *Email/Mail Communication
- *Updated Web Page & Banner Information
- *Update School and Classroom social media pages
- *Weekly Awards from Teachers
- *Best Behavior Awards for art, music, library, and P.E. classes
- *Parenting Resources available in Parent Center (located in main office)

Davis Elementary School Family & Community Engagement Committee Members

Nathan Watkins – Family & Community Engagement Coordinator
Judi Copley - Media Center Specialist/Librarian
Laura Eriksen– ESL Teacher
Amy Blakley - Teacher
Rachel Crawford – PTO President
Holly Butler – Parent
Scott Bennett – Parent/Watchdog Dad Team Leader

Theresa Cunningham– Nurse
Karen Speer – Community Member
Suzanne McDermott – Assistant Principal
Dondre Harris - Principal

Parent Volunteer Survey

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
E-mail: _____

Student's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____
Student's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____
Student's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

Please check all of the areas you would like to be involved in this year:

_____ School Pictures – Fall/Spring/Class/Graduation

- _____ Reading to K-2 Classrooms
- _____ Listening to K-2 Readers
- _____ Teacher Appreciation
- _____ Fall Carnival and/or Big Fun Day
- _____ Music Programs
- _____ Fall and/or Spring Fundraiser
- _____ Publicity/Yearbook
- _____ Book Fair
- _____ Homework Helper
- _____ Assist Teachers with misc. clerical duties such as making copies or flash cards
- _____ Community Outreach Projects
- _____ Work with students individually or in a small group on reading or math skills
- _____ Supervision of classroom for a short time
- _____ Science Fair
- _____ Discuss career information with students
- _____ Serve as parent representative on school or district committees
- _____ Parade Float
- _____ Translator for parent meetings
- _____ Class parties
- _____ I would prefer to volunteer by: _____
- _____
- _____

Please return the completed survey. Thank you for being involved in our school!