

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Carolyn Lewis Elementary School will comply with the parental engagement requirements as outlined in ACT 307, of 2007 and Act 397 of 2009.

1. In order to encourage communication with parents, our school will prepare an Informational Packet to be distributed annually to the parents of each child in the school. These packets will describe: The school's parental involvement program; the recommended role of the parent, student, teacher and school; ways for parents to become involved in the school and their child's education; a survey for the parent regarding their interests concerning volunteering at the school; a schedule of activities planned throughout the school year to encourage parental involvement; and procedures to allow the parents and teachers to communicate in a regular, two-way, and meaningful manner with the child's teacher and principal.
 - "Meet and Greet" nights before school starts
 - Conway School District Student Handbook
 - Class DOJO- Parental Communication Website
 - Daily Take Home Folders
 - Cougar Tales: Weekly Newsletter
 - Classroom and grade level weekly newsletter
 - Carolyn Lewis website <http://cles.conwayschools.org>
 - Conferences with parents
 - Parent Link
 - Notes and phone calls
2. To help our parents in assisting their children our school shall schedule regular parental involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the school and an overview of the following:
 - A. What students will be learning.
 - B. How students are assessed.
 - C. What parents should expect for their child's education
 - D. How a parent can assist and make a difference in their child's education.
 - Parent Teacher conferences
 - Parent Involvement Events
 - Academic Improvement Plan conferences
 - Individual parent conferences as needed
3. In order to welcome parents our school shall use the volunteer surveys to compile a Volunteer Resource Book listing the interests and availability of volunteers so that school staff may determine how frequently a volunteer would like to participate; including options for those who are available to help at home and help match school needs with volunteer interests.
 - Carolyn Lewis PTO: all parents are members, no annual dues
 - Watch Dog Dad Program
 - Enrichment Day
4. In order to encourage parents to participate as a full partner in the decisions that affect their child and family, our school will include in our school's student handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns.

5. In order to take advantage of community resources our school will enable a Parent Teacher Organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.
 - Carolyn Lewis Elementary School PTO (No dues required)
6. The Principal shall designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as a Parent Facilitator in order to help organize meaningful training for staff and parents; promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere to foster parental involvement in the school and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school.
 - Ashley Silliman, School Counselor
7. We will continue to schedule two parent teacher conferences per school year. These conferences will be widely advertised and scheduled in such a manner that as many parents as possible may visit our campus and interact with their student's faculty.
8. We will provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment.
9. We will continue to engage our parents in activities and programs designed to assist them in helping with their children's learning.
10. We will sponsor seminars to inform the parents of students about how to be involved in decisions affecting course selection, career planning and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.
11. We will maintain a Parent Center which will have available various resources, including children's books, parenting books, academic activities and materials such as flashcards, and family games. Materials will be available for check out.