

Dent-Phelps R-III School District

Parent Involvement Plan

**Approved by the Dent-Phelps R-III Board of Education
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Developed jointly by parents, students, school, and community

Dent-Phelps R-III School District's

Purpose

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District believes positive parental involvement is essential to achieve maximum social, emotional, and academic growth and encourages participation of parents in all aspects of their child's education. The Dent-Phelps R-III Parent Involvement Plan has been developed to include activities, programs, and procedures that:

- support our curriculum which contains the learning goals found in Missouri's Grade Level Expectations (GLEs);
- create a common vision of parent engagement and the resources needed to sustain that vision;
- increase and improve the level of parent involvement in our students' education.

Plan Development and Distribution

The Dent-Phelps R-III Parent Involvement Plan was developed by parents, students, school, and community and has been approved by our Board of Education. This Plan will be included in each individual student registration packet. The Dent-Phelps R-III School District's Parent Involvement Plan will include a 'Parent Comments and/or Suggestions' section. Parents' concerns will be reviewed by the district's Parent and Community Involvement Committee and our district's Parent Advisory Council (Parent Volunteer Program). Parents with comments and/or suggestions will be notified of the committee's action to each concern within one month of their submission. The content and effectiveness of the Plan will be evaluated annually and revised if necessary based on a Parent Needs Assessment survey.

Strategies for Involvement

1. The Dent-Phelps R-III School District will provide parents with information on district policies.

Within the first two weeks of the beginning of each school year, the Dent-Phelps R-III administration will host an annual meeting to inform parents of our school's participation in Title I and its programs, explain Title I requirements, and explain parents' right to be involved. Additional meetings throughout the year will include the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, along with an interpretation of our district's annual performance report.

Implementation: The district will provide Title I related handouts, oral presentations, question/answer sessions, small group discussions, and share district policy information through school board meetings.

Documentation: The district will advertise meeting dates through posted agendas, monthly school newsletters, daily announcements, school website, emails, and notes home and conduct meetings with agendas, minutes, sign in sheets, and evaluations.

2. The Dent-Phelps R-III School District will provide parents with activities, programs, and information related to curriculum and the assessment process.

The curriculum at Dent-Phelps R-III School District consists of content standards, objectives, instructional methods, resource activities, and assessments for all areas of instruction. The district will provide various meetings throughout the school year informing parents of the content of its curriculum, the forms of assessment used to measure their child's progress, and the proficiency levels their child is expected to meet. These meetings will allow parents the opportunity to make comments and suggestions relating to the education of their child.

Implementation: The district will provide opportunities for parents and teachers to communicate on an ongoing basis and supply parents with meaningful and relevant resources that will improve student learning. To accomplish these goals, the Dent-Phelps R-III School District will:

- . provide opportunities for parent-teacher conferences.
- . provide mid-quarter and quarter student progress reports.
- . supply each student with a homework planner (home and school link).
- . supply on an individual basis, a daily homework sheet to improve student organizational skills (home and school link).
- . supply parents with information on how to monitor their child's progress through effective study habit techniques, along with helpful ways to work with teachers to improve learning.
- . encourage parents to participate in curriculum-based school learning activities and programs with their child.
- . encourage parents to visit the learning environment of their child's classroom.
- . provide one-on-one activities for parents to do with their child.
- . encourage parents to serve as a volunteer in the classroom and in school related activities, programs, and events.
- . supply parents with resources, along with ways to access the resources needed to help them improve their child's learning (school website, www.dentphelps.k12.mo.us, and additional online sources).
- . provide parents with information about assessment programs and procedures, along with their child's testing results.
- . provide feedback opportunities for parents by attaching an evaluation to activities and program events, and inform parents of action taken in a timely and organized manner.

Expanding Opportunities for Involvement

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District will offer opportunities for building ties between parents and child, parents and parents, and parents and school through curriculum-based activities and programs.

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District provides for various curriculum-based activities and programs for parent-student-school involvement.

Open House

Grandparent's Day

Family Thanksgiving Feast hosted by kindergarten

Veteran's Day assembly (student written poems and narratives, music - honoring district/community veterans)

Santa's Workshop

Christmas play (grades pk-5)

Talent Show (schoolwide)
 Spring Jubilee - curriculum-based with health, nutrition, safety presentations
 Accelerated Readers (AR) Night
 middle and high school math courses and requirements presentation
 Outdoor Classroom (science)
 Math-A-Thon (schoolwide)
 students' awareness of career opportunities in math and science hosted by UMR
 Chef-Combo - kindergarten
 Day at the Circus - kindergarten
 Red Ribbon Week - drug-free
 Book Club (grades 2-6)
 Club Scrap (grades 4-8)
 Chess Club (local and state competitions - grades 4-8)
 Geography Bee (local competitions - grades 4-8)
 Quiz Bowl (local competitions - grades 5-8)
 Spelling Bee (local and state competitions - grades 4-8)
 Math Contest (local and state competitions - middle school)
 Archery Club (grades 4-8)
 Speed Stacking Competitions (physical education curriculum)
 Art Club (grades 1-4 and 5-8)
 Art Show (community cultural center)
 Honor's Club (grades 7-8)
 PJ Story Night (pk-4)
 Book-It
 Tuesday Tutoring
 Book Fair Family Night (Thursday) and Saturday Safari
 Discovery Van (exhibits, hands-on activities in history and science)
 field trips
 middle school field day: (local schools competition in physical fitness)
 Middle School Family Night (student preparation for high school)
 end-of-year awards
 grade eight academic awards and commencement exercises

The Dent-Phelps R-III School District provides various opportunities for parents to participate and/or volunteer in programs/events that support their child's learning.

- . parent-teacher conferences
- . cadre meetings (Parent and Community Involvement, Achievement, School Improvement)
- . ad hoc meetings (Veteran's Day, Spring Jubilee)
- . PTO meetings and events
- . school board presentations (MAP score results, annual performance reports)
- . curriculum and Missouri Assessment Program - (MAP) training
- . integration of preschool and kindergarten with Parents As Teachers (PAT) through hands-on learning activities and parent learning centers on child development and child rearing issues
- . technology training
- . drug-free and violence prevention workshop
- . parent/community volunteers as guest speakers/presenters in the classroom

Documentation: The facilitator of the event, with administrative approval, will advertise the meeting, activity, or program event through posted agendas, monthly school newsletters, daily announcements, school website, emails, and notes home and conduct each meeting, activity, or program event with agendas, minutes, sign in sheets, and evaluations.

3. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

The Parent-Student-School Learning Compact is an important component of the Dent-Phelps R-III School District's Parent Involvement Plan. It was developed by parents, students, school, and community and has been approved by our Board of Education. This compact is a part of the Parent Involvement Plan and will be distributed to parents in such manner as explained on page one under the section entitled 'Plan Development and Distribution'. The Parent-Student-School Learning Compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the Show-Me Standards. This compact describes the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective environment and contains examples of how parents will be responsible for supporting their child's learning. The Parent-Student-School Learning Compact describes opportunities for parents and teachers to communicate on an ongoing basis for improved student academic achievement.

Documentation: The Parent-Student-School Learning Compact will contain the signatures of principal, teacher, parent, and student, along with any parent comments.

The Dent-Phelps R-III Parent Involvement Plan allows for input from parents. Below is a 'Parent Comments and/or Suggestions' section. Feel free to share your thoughts in regard to the content of this Plan or any aspect of the schoolwide Title I Program. Page one explains the process for reviewing parent concerns.

Parent Comments and/or Suggestions
