



Van Buren Freshman Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2020-2021

Purpose:

The Van Buren Freshman Academy has created this policy because we know that the more involved a parent is in their child's education the more likely that child is to succeed! We want all parents to be informed about how they can become involved.

Our goals are:

- Inform parents about how important they are to the child's success.
- To encourage parents to come the school and get involved.
- To keep parents constantly informed and include them in our decision making process when it comes to their child.
- To teach parents what they need to know in order to help their child succeed.

Improving School Communication with Parents

The school will work to communicate with parents through newsletters, phone calls and email. Parents will be given access to the following items and contact information in order to help them stay informed.

- School calendar
- District Handbook
- School Handbook
- School personnel contact information
- Website and school contact information
- Weekly newsletter distribution
- Volunteering information
- Home Access Grade viewer information
- Facebook page
- Twitter Account

Parental Involvement Activities:

The Van Buren Freshman Academy will:

- Welcome parents into the school and recognize that parents are full partners in their child's education.
- Give a "Report to the Public" during a parent meeting. Regular parent meetings and parent-teacher conferences will be held.

- Make school performance reports available to parents.
- Provide professional development to the school staff on creating positive interactions between home and school.
- Provide parents with instructions and tutorials necessary for helping their students be successful during times of virtual learning.
- Include parents in the development of a school improvement plan and a Title I part A plan.
- Designate a parent involvement facilitator (Tammy Poole, 479-471-3160) with a current Arkansas teacher's license to organize meaningful training for staff and parents, and organizing and promoting a welcoming atmosphere for parental involvement.
- Post upcoming school events on the school website, the school announcements, the school flyer distribution system (Peachjar) and on social media.
- Invite and encourage incoming 9th graders and their parents to participate in 9th grade orientation/Open House.
- Encourage 8th graders to attend 8th grade parent night in the spring semester to learn about course offering and career and post-secondary planning.
- Make online grade viewer passwords available at Open House and all year.
- Provide training as needed for the Home Access Grade viewer.
- Create a parent center in the library which provides parenting books and magazines in addition to access to students grades through use of the school computers.
- Survey parents about their volunteer interest through the Keystone classes.
- Survey parents about the effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

Activities for parent involvement scheduled for the 2020-2021 school year:

- August 17 and 18, 2020 4:45 Open House/Orientation, Title 1 Presentation to the public, Schedule pick-up and meet the teachers
- July 30, 2020 Parent Involvement meeting 8:15 a.m. in the Freshman Academy Library
- October 13, 2020 Parent Involvement meeting 5:30
- October 13th and 15th, 2019 3:30-6:30 Parent/Teacher conferences
- February 15, 2021 Parent Involvement meeting 8:15 a.m. in the Freshman Academy Library
- March 16th and 18th, 2021 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30
- March 18, 2021 Parent Involvement meeting 5:00 p.m. in the Freshman Academy Library
- May 7, 2021 Parent Involvement meeting 8:15 a.m. in the Freshman Academy Library
- Early May, Academy Awards Banquet

I have received a copy of the Parental Involvement plan from the VBHS Freshman Academy.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Name