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 Ruth Doyle Middle School (Conway School District)
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District Name:	Conway
Grades Levels:	5-7
Building Facilitator:	Holly Vint
District Coordinator:	Joel Linn
Percent Free and Reduced Lunch:	41.44

Title I Status

- Schoolwide
 Targeted Assistance
 Non-Title I School

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Position
Ericka	French	Classroom Teacher
Nicole	Slough	School Speech Pathologist
Jennifer	Seifert	Parent
Kristine	Spears	Parent
Debi	Avra	Principal
Holly	Vint	Parental Involvement Coordinator

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

Various communication strategies are used at Ruth Doyle Middle School to provide information to parents and increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction. One strategy is our Parent Link system. Teachers, staff, and the school are able to send announcements and reminders through the district app, text message, phone call, email, and various social media avenues. Teachers also use Remind to communicate with parents when classroom activities, assignments, or tests are approaching. Ruth Doyle Middle School also has developed a school website with valuable information for students and parents, including a calendar of upcoming events.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the

2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

Ruth Doyle Middle School will schedule various, flexible meeting times throughout the year to engage, educate, and assist parents with their student's educational experience. The counselors, along with 5th grade teachers and staff, host a 5th grade camp prior to school starting, allowing parents the opportunity to understand how the middle school schedule works, daily procedures, and expectations from school and teachers. (August 2, 2018 8:30-11:30 AM)

Ruth Doyle Middle School will host an Open House at the beginning of the school year offering parents the chance to meet teachers and staff. (August 21, 2018 5:30-7:00 PM)

Other events throughout the school year offered by the school to encourage parent participation include:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:00-7:00pm September 12-13, 2018 and February 13-14, 2019)
- Family Fall Festival (October 25, 2018)
- two or three Book Fairs (with family events scheduled and parent volunteer opportunities)
- Literacy Night
- Scheduling and Testing Night (offered by the counselors to explain the upcoming year's scheduling requirements and the state mandated testing for the current year)
- STEM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, offered by the science and math teachers)
- Holiday Concerts (scheduled for December by the choir, band, and orchestra classes)
- Art Show (hosted by the school's art teacher displaying student work)
- Awards Assembly (scheduled near the end of the school year)

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

The school will provide parents with information about volunteering through various means of notification. Parents are encouraged to become a member of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) which frequently notifies and requests parent volunteers for school events including Behavior and Homework Bashes, Popsicles with the Principals, Book Fair volunteers, and other various activities. Parent volunteer opportunities are posted on the school website, sent out via Parent Link and the district app, and posted on school and PTO social media sites.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

The school and district handbook will outline protocol for parents and the school to maintain positive experiences for both parties and must be signed upon registration. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their student's teachers if academic, social, or other concerns arise. Teacher's email addresses, websites, and blogs are linked to the school's website for parents and students to access information. Teachers notify parents when students are missing assignments after a designated number of assignments are missed. Interim reports are sent home midway through the nine week period. Report cards are sent home every nine weeks and parents are notified via Parent Link when these reports are sent.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

Parents will be used in an advisory capacity on various committees. In addition, parent input/perspectives will be sought through an annual culture survey with results analyzed by the staff and/or administration to assist in school improvement planning, implementation, and evaluation. Parent nights will be held throughout the year to keep parents involved in the total school program.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

The principal shall designate one certified staff member (Holly Vint) as parent facilitator. The school handbook defines protocol for parents to follow regarding school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. Via the school website and online school registration, the school will make available informational packets each year that includes 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 Parent Link system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

The school will survey parents, students, teachers, and staff and will analyze the School Culture Survey results to determine the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement efforts and make changes if warranted.

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

While the evidence collected from the survey concerning satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement and family engagement will be used, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. Results will be compiled as a district to improve school culture for parents and students and analyzed at our building by teachers and staff.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

Based on our current school population, we do not receive Title I funding.

****After completion of this form, the school should to the district for review, feedback, and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.***

District Feedback:

	Attention: Changes Needed!	In Compliance	Comments	Date of Feedback
1. Communication Strategies:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Annual Schedule:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Volunteer Opportunities:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. School-Parent-Compact:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Involvement/Schoolwide Planning:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Resources for Parents:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Evaluation of Efforts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Parent Survey:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Annual Title I Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		