

Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary

2021-2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ASBVI) is committed to providing your child with the best possible education. We understand that this cannot be done without partnering with you. Research has shown that parent involvement has far-reaching benefits for a child's success in school.

At ASBVI, we want to make it as easy for you to be involved in every way possible. We have a Parent/Community group, Friends of ASB, that will hold meetings throughout the school year. Scheduled Friends of ASB meetings will be posted on the ASBVI website at <https://asbvi.ade.arkansas.gov/> and ZOOM links will be posted as well so parents can join virtually. If any parent feels the need to ask for a meeting to be scheduled, please contact our Parent Facilitator, Amanda Harrison, at amanda.harrison@asb.k12.ar.us. Also, look for a list of opportunities which are mailed from our superintendent and please check our school website for news and a calendar of upcoming events in which you could be involved.

Communication is key to a successful partnership between home and school. In addition to receiving at least quarterly reports of your child's progress, Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled at least twice during the school year. Please contact your child's teacher for further communication. All staff email is formatted as firstname.lastname@asb.k12.ar.us. We value your input into what we as a school are doing right and what we need to work on. Please take the opportunity to complete a Parent Survey that can be found on our website under the Parent tab.

Lastly, we are here to support you as you walk the journey of raising a child with a visual impairment. You are your child's first teacher and biggest influence. You can find resources at our Parent Resource Center. During the school year, there will be opportunities for parent support meetings. These are typically in conjunction with our annual Braille Challenge and Cane Quest. If there are any other ways we can support you, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, our Parent Facilitator, or any administrator through email or by calling our main number at (501)296-1810.

You may view our complete Parent and Family Engagement Plan on our website by going to the Parents tab → Parent Information → Parent and Family Engagement (under Related Links on the right side of the screen).

Thank you for your partnership!