

2023-2024

## ASBVI Family and Community Engagement Plan Summary



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 Family/Community/School Staff 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 links will be posted as well so parents can join virtually. We also have volunteer opportunities for parents, family members, and community members to be involved on-campus, virtually, or from home. Volunteer information will be provided at our Open House and Parent-Teacher Conferences and can also be found on the ASBVI website under the Parent tab. Also, look for a list of opportunities which are mailed from our administration at the beginning of each semester 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, two Parent/Teacher conferences have been scheduled for August 13, 2023 and April 1, 2024. More details will be provided at a later date. Also, feel free to communicate with staff through email throughout the school year. 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 is provided during the school year. A survey related to special education will also be provided during Annual Review conferences.

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 located in the waiting room of our Low Vision Clinic. 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, Amanda Harrison ([amanda.harrison@asb.k12.ar.us](mailto:amanda.harrison@asb.k12.ar.us)), or any administrator through email or by calling our main number at (501)296-1810.

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

Thank you for your partnership!