

## **Americus-Sumter County High School Parent Involvement Policy**

Research has proven that parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students. ASHS/ASHN encourages the involvement of parents through many planned activities throughout the year. Some of these activities include: Back to School Parent Night, Academic Pep Rallies, Parents are Teachers Too Workshop, Big Blue Day, Tips for Testing Workshop, Parent/Teacher Organization, Preparing for College Workshop, and a Financial Aid Workshop. Parents are made aware of academic and behavior expectations through “Nine-Weeks Expectation” letters which are sent home quarterly, progress reports sent home weekly, report cards, and parent-teacher conferences.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, ASHS/ASHN will provide the following:

- An annual orientation meeting is scheduled where parents meet their child’s teacher and learn about the curriculum, as well as their rights and responsibilities to be involved in their child’s education.
- A flexible number of meetings and activities are conducted throughout the year to assist the needs of parents.
- Parent conference days are scheduled to provide student expectations, test information, and address teacher and/or parent concerns.
- Student expectations and report cards are sent home each nine weeks to provide parents with an update on their child’s achievement and provide class expectations.
- Continuous communication is provided to assist in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through Student Handbook, handouts, ELEMENTS/Testgate reports, parenting activities, newsletters, and invitations.
- A school-parent-student compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning.
- Parents are given the opportunity to provide feedback concerning communication with the school and their child’s teacher.
- Parents are surveyed to collect opinions about topics for meetings based on identified needs of parents.

Every effort will be made to communicate with parents in a format and language that is free of educational jargon and easily understandable by all.

Parents and community members are in integral part of learning at ASHS/ASHN and are always welcome.

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