

School Level Parental Involvement Policy Hickory Hills Elementary School

Hickory Hills Elementary School Arts Academy

*Parent Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success
2016-2017 School Year*



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What is Title I?

Hickory Hills Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Hickory Hills Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Hickory Hills values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Hickory Hills will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Hickory Hills Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback throughout the school year by contacting the School Community Team.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hickory Hills Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will review the plan during our annual Open House event and provide parents with a copy during fall parent-teacher conferences. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

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2016-17 District Goals

The strategic plan of MCS is comprised of three areas: Academic Excellence, Culture of Excellence, and Workforce Excellence. The strategic plan provides the district with a framework for defining the goals specific to each area.

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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Hickory Hills Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during our annual Community Advisory meeting held each spring. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Mark Your Calendar

Hickory Hills Elementary will host the following events to build the partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student learning.

DATE	EVENT
August 2	Sneak-a Peek – 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 am
August 3	First Day of School
August 23	1 st PTA Meeting and Open House –6:00 p.m.

Parental Involvement

Hickory Hills Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate,

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Hickory Hills Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the

Hickory Hills Elementary is Getting YOU Connected!

Hickory Hills Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in weekly emails sent to all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development each quarter on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Preschool programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school communication (emails, school letters) for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school

Advisory Team

Community Advisory Team

about the Community Advisory Team

Keep me posted about future meetings

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