

HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Parent Involvement Policy
2017-2018

Hazelwood Elementary School recognizes that synergizing with parents in the education of their children greatly contributes to students' success and the success of our school. We strive to create an open, friendly school environment where school policies and programs are clearly communicated to our students and parents, and where we encourage parents to proactively participate in the various activities and programs offered throughout the year.

Hazelwood Elementary School is a *Leader in Me* school where we integrate the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* into our culture and curriculum. The *Habits* are listed below for your reference:

- ❖ **Habit 1 Be Proactive** *I am responsible for my actions and attitude.*
- ❖ **Habit 2 Begin with the End in Mind** *I plan ahead and set goals.*
- ❖ **Habit 3 Put First Things First** *I set priorities and make a plan to achieve my goals.*
- ❖ **Habit 4 Think Win-Win** *I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want.*
- ❖ **Habit 5 Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood** *I listen to other people's ideas before I try and talk about my ideas.*
- ❖ **Habit 6 Synergize** *We work together so we can accomplish more.*
- ❖ **Habit 7 Sharpen the Saw** *I take care of myself and have balance in my life.*

Beginning with the end in mind, we have established the following objectives to encourage and promote parent involvement in school events and activities:

- We will educate parents about our Title I program at the first annual Open House meeting.
- We will distribute system and school policies relating to parent involvement during the opening of school.
- We will discuss with parents the Hazelwood Elementary School Home-School Compact which highlights shared responsibilities for student learning.
- We will provide opportunities for parents to understand their child's academic curriculum.
- We will provide information concerning curricular issues, academic assessments, and other relevant topics.
- We will provide parents with support and materials to help their child at home.
- We will encourage parents to become active participants in their child's education by offering a flexible number of meetings and meeting times to make it convenient for parents to attend. In these meetings, parents will be given tools to help their children learn at home.
- We will communicate with parents on a timely basis concerning academic progress, classroom events, school wide policies, programs, and activities.
- We will encourage parents to participate as classroom volunteers or school wide volunteers and tutors.
- We will survey the interests and talents of our parents and use this information to better serve the needs of our students.
- We will educate staff members concerning the value of parental involvement and the impact on student achievement that these contributions make.
- We will provide opportunities for parents and community members to learn about the *7 Habits*, and we will encourage families to integrate the *Habits* at home.

Dear Parents.

Thank you for providing comments and/or suggestions about our Parent Involvement Policy.

