



Parent Involvement Packet

2016/2017

City Heights Elementary School

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City Heights Elementary School Parental Involvement Plan

City Heights Elementary School 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 –

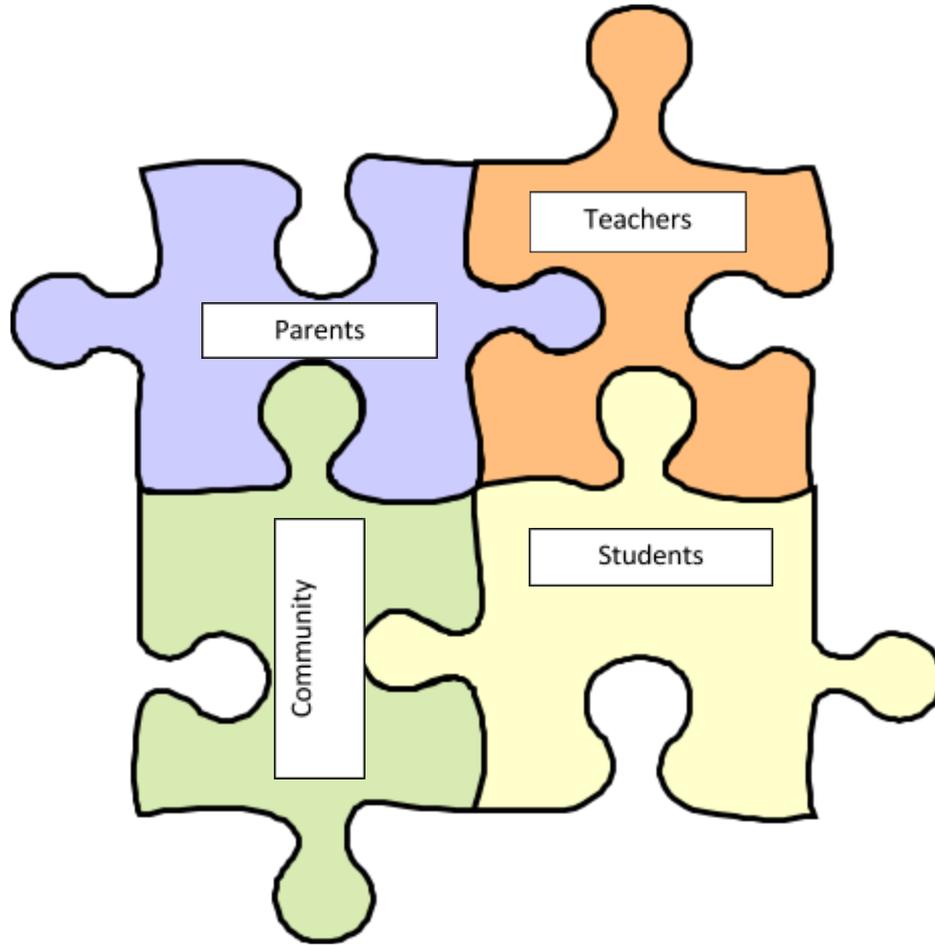
- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Parental Involvement Participants – Parents of City Heights school students, the parent involvement coordinator, teachers, and school administrators are all participants in the *Parent Involvement Plan*.

City Heights Elementary Parent Involvement Plan “Every Child...Whatever It Takes!” 2016-2017

At City Heights Elementary, we recognize the child’s primary caregiver is the most important influence in his/her life and learning. The staff members at City Heights Elementary welcome all parents, grandparents, guardians and other caregivers into our building and are pleased to have them join our learning community. In an effort to support each student’s learning and well-being, we provide several opportunities for teachers and parents to communicate on a regular basis. Our efforts include newsletters, email, telephone calls, notes home and scheduled parent/teacher conferences. Updates and information are also available on the school website. Our parent center holds many resources and information geared toward encouraging and supporting responsible care giving. The Van Buren School District will reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement (\$24,058.00). We will have special events throughout the year and strongly encourage parents and other caregivers to join us. Our goal is quality interaction between teachers and caregivers to accomplish our vision, “Every Child...Whatever it Takes!”

We can't complete the puzzle without you!



Date Completed	Actions	Timeline
	Prepare family kits that include the school's parental involvement plan; ways for the parents to become involved in the school and the child's education; and activities planned throughout the year	August 2016
	Provide informative materials regarding parenting issues.	August 2016-May 2017
	Parents will receive information concerning school policies and procedures	August 2016
	Parent Open House- parents receive information on what students will be learning, how students are assessed, what parents should expect for the child's education, and how parents can assist and make a difference in their child's education	August 2016
	Continue the Parent Resource Room where books, pamphlets, and videos are available for parents.	August 2016-May 2017
	Weekly newsletters will be used K - 5 to allow for two-way communication with parents and to keep parents informed.	August 2016-May 2017
	Parents will be able to stay informed by logging on to City Heights's website, PTA monthly newsletters, class newsletters, and the district newsletter.	August 2016-May 2017
	Parent Involvement Committee will meet once each quarter to discuss the needs of City Heights based on parent surveys and our ACSIP plan.	August 2016-May 2017
	Update the Volunteer Handbook.	August 2016
	Parents are invited to participate in "Be a Student for a Day"	October 2016
	Three parent teacher conferences will be held each year to ensure parents are accurately informed of student's progress.	October 2016 January 2017
	K-5 parents will participate in literacy nights focusing on reading strategies. Attending parents will receive books to share with their children.	November 2016

	K-5 parents will participate in a Math Night focusing on mathematical strategies to assist their children. Parents will receive packets containing hands on math activities to share with their children.	February 2017
	Fall Family Fun Night will provide a time of camaraderie between parents, students, and staff. Parents will gain information about grade level expectations, student assessments, and opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education	October 2016
	Parents of 3 and 4 year olds will attend training for preparing their children for kindergarten. Parents will receive a resource book, hands on materials, and children's books.	April 2016
	Provide parents with surveys to determine the effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Plan	May 2017
	Certified staff member will serve as a parent facilitator to organize meaningful training for staff promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parental involvement in the school and to undertake efforts to ensure that parental participation is recognized as an asset to the school.	August 2016-May 2017
	Provide Spanish translations on all school materials.	August 2016- June 2017
	The Department of Education shall review the Parental Involvement Plan and determine if the plan is in compliance with provisions of Act 603 and shall indicate on the school's performance report if the school is in compliance.	September 2016-June 2017

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Parent Involvement Plan Summary

We believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. The school provides a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. We believe teachers have a responsibility to provide the needed framework for parents to nurture their child's formal instruction at home. We will provide materials that can successfully be used at home to reinforce the academic success of children. It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents are able to express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as joint policy and decision makers and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates.

Our goals for this school year are as follows:

1. School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.
2. The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts.
3. The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.
4. The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's program.
5. The school will provide a parent resource center for parents.
6. The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.

After reading the Parent Involvement Plan, this page must be signed, dated and returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

Thank you,

**Amber Hurst
Parent Involvement Coordinator**

I have read the material in the Parent Involvement Summary.

Date: _____

**Parent/Guardian
Signature:** _____

Grade of Child _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Why should I join PTA?

- You have parents and teachers who work VERY hard throughout the school year to make it a memorable, successful year for your student. Your membership shows you stand with them and support their efforts.
- You may not be able to volunteer or be active in the duties the PTA carries out, but your membership is a voice for those who actively bring activities and improvements to our school.
- If involvement is what you are looking for, then this is the place for you to be!
- Don't just think about our school or our local district. Think bigger than that! PTA is a national organization that fights for the needs of students. Your membership= POWER AND INFLUENCE. Our legislators can go to Washington armed with a number of PTA memberships backing their fight.
- Seeing your parent involved in the school speaks into your child that you will advocate not only on their behalf, but the behalf of all students. They will witness pro-active participation from you as their role model.
- All the fun activities that make the year memorable cannot be placed on the shoulders of teachers alone. They are fully active in educating your child. This is one area PTA supports the teachers.
- Fundraising is essential to our school. Budgets continue to get squeezed and materials continue to increase. We raise funds for FUN events but we put just as much money into books, gym equipment, technology and any other improvements to benefit our school.
- The PTA at your school is constantly evolving. As children grow older, parents move on to carry the torch at other schools. As new children begin school, this creates opportunity to pass the torch on to continue our legacy of a GREAT PTA at City Heights Elementary!!!

Here's what you need to know:

- **The City Heights Elementary PTA meets once a month during the school year to discuss and plan events. The date/time will be posted in the School Newsletter.**
- **You can attend at anytime and help with any event. Your membership does NOT obligate you in any way.**
- **Your membership is one form and we have a separate Volunteer Form that will put you on the volunteer list to contact when we need help with events.**



Be a SUPERHERO...Join PTA!

- PTA is for parents, guardians or anyone in the community who has an interest in the success of our school.
- Your membership shows you support the City Heights Parents and Teachers Association and the effort they put into helping make our school SUPER!!
- Each class that gets 100% membership by **October 28th** (as many memberships as students) will receive a special treat in November!
- We love new volunteers, but there is NO obligation required by joining!

Some of the events we sponsor throughout the year are:

- Family Fun Night, Grandparent's Day, Field Trips
- School Improvements, Fun Run, Fun Day

Join today!
Membership is
\$4.00

• **Turn in by 8AM Friday, September 2**

• **and your name will be entered into a drawing for:**

• **Van Buren Athletic Family Passes for 4**



Please complete form below and return in an envelope with PTA Membership written on front. Thanks!

2016-2017 City Heights Elementary PTA Membership Form

List all students and teachers so all your student's classes can receive credit.

Students
Name _____ Teacher _____

Students
Name _____ Teacher _____

Students
Name _____ Teacher _____

Name(s) of persons joining: This information is only to prove our membership. It will not be used for anything.

1. _____ (M or F) Phone #
_____ Email: _____

2. _____ (M or F) Phone #
_____ Email: _____

3. _____ (M or F) Phone #
_____ Email: _____

4. _____ (M or F) Phone #
_____ Email: _____

Number of members joining _____ X \$4 = _____ Amount
enclosed _____