

## School Level Parental Involvement Policy Hickory Hills Elementary School

### Hickory Hills Elementary School Arts Academy

*Parent Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success  
2014-2015 School Year*



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### 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.

### 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.

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### 2014-15 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. View the complete strategic plan and the progress made on each goal by visiting <http://www.marietta-city.org/aboutus/stratplan.php>.

### 2014-15 School Goals

Hickory Hills is committed to increasing achievement for all students and closing achievement gaps for our students with disabilities, English language learners and economically disadvantaged students. The school goals specific to each content area can be accessed on our School-wide Title I Plan, on our website, or in the Parent Resource Room.

### 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...Let's Get Together!

Hickory Hills Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
August 5	Meet & Greet	January 15	PTA Meeting
August 6	First Day of School	January 16	iMoms
August 14	PTA Meeting and Open House	January 30	All Pro Dads
August 18-22	MAP Testing (Grade K-5; each grade level will test for two 1-hour sessions)	February 13	iMoms
September 5	iMoms	February 27	All Pro Dads
September 19	All Pro Dads	March 6	iMoms
September 22-26	Conference Week - EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15 PM	March 9-13	Conference Week – EARLY RELEASE @ 1:15 PM
October 9	Showcase Night 1	March 19	Showcase Night 3
October 10	iMoms	March 20	All Pro Dads
October 23	Frankly Spooky	March 27	Taste of Hickory Hills
October 24	All Pro Dads	April 15-27	Georgia Milestones Assessment Program – GMAP (Grades 3-5)
November 7	iMoms	April 30	PTA Meeting
November 20	Holiday Family Dinner	May 1	iMoms
December 5	All Pro Dads	May 4-15	MAP Testing (Grades K-5; each grade level will test for two 1-hour sessions)
December 8-12	MAP Testing (Grades K-5; each grade level will test for two 1-hour sessions)	May 19-21	Georgia Milestones Assessment Program Retest – GMAP (Grades 3 & 5)
December 11	Showcase Night 2	May 22	Honors Day Last Day of School
<b><i>A full calendar of school events will be provided to you each month. Please note that all events are subject to change.</i></b>			

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**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, 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.

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.

(770) 429-3125

**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 wide events and activities, such as phone messages, twitter, email, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop computer skills and learn English through Rosetta Stone.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

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**Parent Involvement Standards**

Hickory Hills Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

**School Community Advisory Team**

Hickory Hills Elementary Arts Academy invites all parents to join the Community Advisory Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Community Advisory Team please contact the Parent Liaison at 770-429-3125, or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

**School Community Advisory Team**

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Community Advisory Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Community Advisory Team
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



**Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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