

HACKETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Parent Involvement Policy Hackett Elementary School

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students; Hackett Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through an active Parent Volunteer Program and Parent/Teacher Organization. Parents are able to come to their child's classroom and watch our daily televised, "Morning Show" and learn about current happenings in the school. Hackett also hosts monthly family night, grade level family breakfasts, various PTO activities, Third Grade Family Dinner, Parent University Dinner.

1. In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Hackett Elementary School will provide the following under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - Providing each parent with a signed copy of the school/parent compact to review and sign with their student.
 - A flexible number of meetings and activities throughout the year to assist parents in understanding the federal and state academic content and student achievement standards, as well as local academic assessments. Meetings will also focus on how parents and teachers can work together to monitor the child's progress in order to improve student achievement (Parent Information Nights).
 - Hackett Elementary School will involve parents through active recruiting for our Parent/Teacher Organization.
 - Parents will be encouraged to volunteer in classrooms. We encourage parents to participate in various classrooms working with students and assisting staff in providing a quality education for every child.
 - Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through the Hackett Facebook page, Hackett School Report Card, School District of Beloit handouts and mailings, and student achievement reports. Our website will include parenting tips and suggestions.

2. Hackett Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - An annual orientation "Back to School Night" where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
 - A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents. Teachers are flexible and in constant communication physically, in writing, and via other electronic means of communicating with parents.
 - A minimum of two scheduled parent conferences, where the progress of the student will be discussed as well as the expectations for the grade level, school curriculum, test information and any other concerns that the teacher or parent may have.

3. Hackett Elementary School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participate in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend, by:
 - Communicating with parents via the Skyalert messaging system
 - Attending PTA meeting and sharing Title I information
 - Sending home annual meeting reminders
 - Scheduling the annual meeting at a time and day that are convenient for parents

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4. Hackett Elementary School will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by:
 - A Home/School coordinator works with families to enhance communication regarding programming, attendance, and home-school relations.
 - Hackett will incorporate additional parental education components such as English language instruction for our families, guest speakers and monthly Family Nights.

5. Hackett Elementary School will request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible by:
 - Holding regular parent/teacher conferences a various time of the day to discuss student progress
 - Providing opportunities for parent/administrator conferences to discuss student progress
 - Maintaining open communication with parents about school related matters.
 - The school will convene every year, a fall and/or spring survey for all parents shall be conducted by the Hackett staff to collect opinions and concerns of parents about the current program and to collect suggestions for improvement and topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents.

6. Hackett Elementary School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by:
 - Providing parents with written reports explaining assessment results
 - Sharing curriculum assessment information with parents during parent conferences.

7. Hackett Elementary School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions describe in the paragraph:
 - Wisconsin's academic content standards
 - Wisconsin's and Beloit's academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators

8. Hackett Elementary School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Headstart, Even Start, and other programs. The school will also conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:
 - Hosting curriculum and other informational forums
 - Offering workshops focused on parental involvement
 - Providing a parent resource center

Hackett Elementary School will make 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. This includes making our communication friendly to our Spanish speaking families with the assistance of our ELL staff. Parents and community members are always made welcome at Hackett Elementary School.