

## **Title One Policy for Parent Involvement 2019-2020 ~ Partnerships for Learning**

**Involvement:** Hemlock Elementary School recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that continued parental involvement in the education of children contributes greatly to student achievement and conduct. A parent involvement policy and program shall be an integral component of the school level plan that promotes a meaningful partnership between the school, the home, and the community.

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement:** The staff of Hemlock Elementary School believes that the education of its students is a responsibility shared with parents. The school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations set forth in the California Academic Standards. Parents shall have the responsibility and opportunity to work with the school in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership with the goal of helping their children succeed in school.

**Building Capacity for Parent Involvement:** The Hemlock Elementary School's staff is committed to supporting partnerships by using the following six levels of involvement:

**Parenting.** We will promote and support parenting skills and the family's primary role in encouraging children's learning at each age and grade level. We will assist personnel to work effectively with our diverse families.

**Communication.** We will communicate about curriculum, instruction, assessment, staff development, school programs and student progress through timely and effective school-to-home, home-to-school, and school-to-community methods. An emphasis will be made to communicate effectively with those parents who have limited proficiency in English or literacy challenges. The school's website can translate the information into many languages.

**Volunteering.** We will expand the recruitment, training, and recognition of family and community volunteers; we will provide opportunities for families and community members to contribute from home, the workplace, and other community-based sites.

**Learning at Home.** We will promote family involvement in learning activities at home including homework and other curriculum-related activities appropriate to the grade and development of the student.

**Decision-making.** We will include students, parents, and community members as partners in planning and decision-making. We will encourage participation by parents/guardians in decisions that affect their child's educational experiences and comply with state and federal laws and regulations pertinent to family involvement.

**Collaborating with Community.** We will coordinate resources and services for students and families with businesses, agencies, service organizations and other groups and provide services to the community through our volunteer efforts and community improvement projects.

**Accessibility:** The school will provide parents with limited English proficiency opportunities to fully participate in school-sponsored activities by using translation at all meetings and workshops and by sending written notices and reports in a language that parents understand. The school will also provide full opportunities for participation of parents of children with disabilities and parent of migratory children.