

# **Hillcrest Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy**

## **Goal 1: Communication between home and school is regular, two-way and meaningful**

- Hillcrest Elementary staff will communicate school and system news using newsletters and the school website.
- Hillcrest Elementary will include in it's newsletter and on it's website how to receive system news via Find Out First – the school system's email service.
- Hillcrest will solicit parent feedback regarding school functions and will ask families to sign-in at those functions.
- Conferences will be held to communicate the importance of a positive school work ethic to include student, parent and teacher responsibilities.

## **Goal 2: Parenting skills are promoted and supported**

- Hillcrest Elementary will partner with our school's PTA and the ELL Office to provide parent supports workshops throughout the year – Sailing Through the System.
- Hillcrest's Title 1 Teacher Specialist will continue to offer Keys to Success – providing books, games and activities to every family with a student in pre-kindergarten
- Hillcrest administration and the Title 1 Teacher Specialist will represent Hillcrest to future develop the partnership between Judy Center, Head Start and Even Start.

## **Goal 3: Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning**

- Hillcrest will sponsor a summer reading program. In the past, this program has provided students with a free book, postcards, and guidelines for parents to assist students in reading four to seven just right books.
- Hillcrest will host parent involvement workshops to focus on literacy and numeracy.

## **Goal 4: Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought**

- Hillcrest will host a parent orientation session at the beginning of school
- Hillcrest will host parent volunteer sessions
- Use parent volunteers during the school day and in after-school programs.
- Identify and publicize varied volunteer opportunities to appeal to the interests, talents, and time of diverse families and community members and provide training as needed.
- Encourage families to share their cultures, careers, and traditions.

**Goal 5: Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families**

- Hillcrest includes parent representation on school decision-making body (The School Improvement Team) that governs our academic policies, our school-wide plan, and family involvement. As part of this process, we also solicit input from the general parent and community population on important school decisions via newsletters, PTA meetings and other literacy/numeracy events.
- Hillcrest provides family and community members with information so they can serve as knowledgeable partners in educational decisions via the School Improvement process, weekly parent newsletter (Hillcrest Highlights) and literacy/numeracy events and PTA meetings.

**Goal 6: Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning**

- At Hillcrest, parents serve on our Parent/Family Involvement Committee.
- Hillcrest also works with its community via partnerships with local business to promote school-family partnerships and student success.