

# **Hancock County Middle/High School 2011-2012 Parent Involvement Plan**

*Those requiring additional/alternative support concerning any policy held by Hancock County Middle/High School are asked to contact us at (423) 733-4611. HCMHS will provide additional information, alternative forms, or clarification pertaining to all policies. It is our goal that all parents and students have complete understanding of all policies and the instructional process.*

Hancock County Middle/High School Parent Involvement Plan was jointly developed by Hancock County Middle/High School teachers and the 2011-2012 Parent Advisory Council to establish expectations for parent involvement.

Hancock County Middle/High School holds a Title I annual meeting at the beginning of each school year. The meeting informs parents of the school's participation with Title I, explains the requirements of Title I, and the right of the parents to be involved in the school. Hancock County Middle/High School holds a flexible number of meetings/activities in the morning, afternoon and evening for the parent's convenience.

Hancock County Middle/High School communicates with parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs for parent involvement through:

Letters

Parent Advisory Council

School Web Page

Monthly newsletters

Email

The Parent Advisory Council reviewed with school administrators and teachers the current parent involvement activities and planned future activities, including TSIPP.

Hancock County Middle/High School provides a description and explanation of the Tennessee State Curriculum and assessment of student progress. Parents have been provided access to the Tennessee State Curriculum with a link Hancock County Middle and High School webpages. Administrators and teachers are available at parent request to assist parents in understanding curriculum, assessments and student progress.

Different forms of academic assessment are used to measure student progress.

- Mid 9 weeks reports and report card are used to measure student progress.
- End of Course exams, proficiency tests, are used in high school subject areas including: math, science and language arts.
- ThinkLink an assessment that measures student progress in core academic areas such as math, reading and language arts is utilized in middle school classrooms.
- TCAP Achievement Tests are also used to measure student progress.

Opportunities are provided for regular parent meetings and communication to formulate suggestions, participate in the decision-making process concerning their child, and to respond to suggestions as soon as practically possible. This includes:

- Parent/Teacher conferences - Teachers are happy to schedule conferences as needed at parent's request. Teachers work with parents about decisions related to their child's education.
- Parent Advisory Council - Teachers along with parents are represented on this council. It was created to formulate ideas and suggestions for school success between parents and teachers.
- IEP meetings - Parents of students with special needs are included in the decision making process related to the education of their child.

Parent and Teacher Conferences - These are planned school wide to help parents keep abreast of their child's academic progress. Invitations are distributed to parents to inform them of the event and sign in forms are utilized at each conference.

Teachers and staff at Hancock County Middle/High School participate in staff development to help improve communication with parents and academic achievement.

Parents are encouraged to explore methods of improving their child's achievement levels. Educators are available to discuss support strategies parents can use to enhance student performance. Links to educational resources are available on Hancock Middle/High School's website.

Parents experiencing barriers to involvement in their child's education are encouraged to contact HCMHS to discuss various support options available.

Parents are encouraged to review HCMHS TSIPP when it is available for public review. Comments or suggestions should be addressed to a school administrator.

The Hancock County Middle/High School-Home compact was a collaborative project developed by the Family and Community Advisory Council which included parents of children enrolled in Hancock County Middle/High School and teachers. All parents were given a copy of the Home-School compact at the beginning of the school year.