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## Nappanee Elementary School

## **Parent Involvement Policy**

In acknowledgement of much reliable research proving the parental involvement raises the academic achievement of students, Nappanee Elementary School encourages involvement of parents through volunteering at school, participating in PTO activities and meetings, attending parent meetings at the school, and supporting your child's academic development at home.

In order to build an effective home-school partnership, Nappanee Elementary will provide the following:

- 1. An annual orientation meeting where parents will meet their child's teacher and be reassured of their right and responsibility to be involved in their child's education.
- 2. 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.
- 3. A varied schedule for meetings and conferences in order to accommodate the needs of parents.
- 4. Opportunities to plan, review, and improve the school program and initiatives.
- 5. Parent conferences will be held, 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.
- 6. Continuous communication to assist parents in understanding the school curriculum and student achievement through parent meetings, mailings, and student achievement reports. Newsletters will include parenting tips and suggestions. All invitations will be sent in a timely manner with an additional follow-up reminder.
- 7. A school-parent compact designed by parents and school staff that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving learning.

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. Parents and community members are always to be made welcome at Nappanee Elementary School.

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