



Maplewood-Richmond Heights Parental Involvement Pledge tm

AS A PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR CARING ADULT, I hereby give my pledge of commitment to help our community's children achieve a truly independent future. My declaration of responsibility and commitment to my public schools is stated in these five self-evident truths as spoken by President Woodrow Wilson:

- As an American, I am an owner of the public school system;
- That as an owner, I bear a responsibility to participate in the system
- That accountability for my public schools, their safety, and its employees and its funding rests with me and the rest of the system's owners;
- That my child's future depends on the improvement of public education;
- And that this improvement depends on my participation;



THEREFORE AS A PARENT, GRANDPARENT OR CARING ADULT, I take personal responsibility for my child's safety and education and the safety and education of children in this community.

- I pledge to volunteer a minimum of five hours of my time to my public schools each semester.
- I pledge to spend a minimum of fifteen minutes each school night reading with my child or we will work together on homework and enrichment activities.

This is my commitment to _____ Student Signature _____ and our public schools.

Parent, Grandparent, or Caring Adult
Signature



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Signature

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Cut And Keep This Top Half And Post It On Your Refrigerator Door As A Reminder.

To Volunteer Return This Half To Your School Today!



**I have pledged to take personal responsibility for my child's education.
I can volunteer a minimum of five hours each semester:**

- During School After School Evenings Weekend

(If you would like to volunteer and don't have any children in our schools please write "Does Not Apply" in the child section below.)

Name: _____ E-mail Address _____

Postal Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Sch. District: _____

Phone Number #1 (____) _____ Phone Number #2 (____) _____

Child's Name: _____ School: _____ Grade _____

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The Six Types of Parental Involvement

Adapted From the Center on Families, Communities, Schools, and Children's Learning

TYPE 1 - PARENTING

Goal

- Help all families establish home environments to support learning.

Effective Practices

- School provides suggestions for home conditions that support learning at each grade level.
- School provides workshops, videotapes, and/or computerized phone messages on parenting and child-rearing at each grade level.

TYPE 2 - COMMUNICATING

Goal

- Design more effective forms of communication to reach parents.

Effective Practices

- Teachers conduct conferences with every parent at least once a year, with follow-ups as needed.
- Parent pick-up of report cards.
- Folders of student work are sent home and reviewed, parental comments returned to teacher.

TYPE 3 VOLUNTEERING

Goal

- Recruit and organize parent help and support

Effective Practices

- Distribute the Parental Involvement Pledge to recruit, increase and organize parent volunteers.
- Use the Parental Involvement Pledge to inventory parent volunteer needs.
- Set up parent center where volunteers can meet and where resources for parents are located.
- Send out annual postcard survey to identify all available talents.

TYPE 4 - LEARNING AT HOME

Goal

- Provide ideas to parents on how to help child at home.

Effective Practices

- Information for families on skills required for students in all subjects at each grade.
- Information on homework policies and how to monitor, and discuss schoolwork at home.
- Distribute calendar listing possible topics for discussion in the home.

TYPE 5 - DECISION MAKING

Goal

- Include parents in school decisions, developing parent leaders and representatives.

Effective Practices

- Active PTA/PTO or other parent organizations, school advisory councils, or committees for parent leadership and participation.
- Independent advocacy groups to lobby and work for school reform.
- District level councils and committees for community involvement.

TYPE 6 - COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Goal

- Identify and integrate resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning and development.

Effective Practices

- Information for students and families on community health, cultural, recreational, social support, and other programs or services.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT DAY AND PUBLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Cut and post the **TOP** portion on your refrigerator door as a daily reminder for you and your family

INVENTORY OF VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Step 3

Volunteer for one or more of the tasks below by checking the box. Then return this portion of the Pledge to your school. Keep the top portion and post it on your refrigerator door as a daily reminder for you and your children.

I am interested in volunteering in the classroom, I'd like to:

- 1. Tutor a student
- 2. Work with individual students.
- 3. Work with small groups of students.
- 4. Listen to students read
- 5. Translate for students.
Language: _____
- 6. Help with teacher's clerical work.
- 7. Prepare materials
- 8. Attend field trips
- 9. Help students with dramatic performances, special events
- 10. Help out in class with art projects, science experiments, etc.
- 11. Appear as a guest speaker to:
 - Share my professional experience
 - Share my travels
 - Share my culture
 - Share a talent, skill or craft

I am interested in volunteering in other areas. I'd like to:

- 12. Organize or help with school security (bus, school grounds, etc.)
- 13. Building maintenance
- 14. Carpentry
- 15. Gardening or yard work
- 16. Work in school library
- 17. Photograph school activities
- 18. Videotape school activities
- 19. Provide transportation to parents for: conferences, events, etc.
- 20. Type or do clerical work
- 21. Prepare newsletters
- 22. Prepare posters, displays, etc.
- 23. Do copying and laminating
- 24. I am interested in working with children on computers and supervising children while they surf the World Wide Web on the Internet.

I am interested in helping by working at home. I'd like to:

- 25. Recruit parents, citizens and local businesses to participate in special reading programs for students.
- 26. Call parents, organize phone trees for attendance and special projects
- 27. Enter data on a computer
- 28. Gather resource materials
- 29. Sew
- 30. Provide snacks
- 31. Correct papers
- 32. Cut out letters
- 33. Prepare bulletin boards
- 34. Stuff envelopes
- 35. Distribute brochures door-to-door
- 36. Become a block home
- 37. I am interested in improving our schools by working with other parents on projects and issues concerning our schools.