

# Hickman Hawks

## Parent Involvement Policy

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### Family Involvement Meetings and Trainings:

- ◆ Kindergarten Summer Orientation
- ◆ Open House/Annual Meeting
- ◆ Pre-K Celebrations
- ◆ PTA Sponsored Social Events
- ◆ Family Read Night
- ◆ Grade Level Performances
- ◆ Parent Trainings
- ◆ Holiday Lunches
- ◆ Muffins for Moms
- ◆ Doughnuts for Dads
- ◆ State of the School Address

### Parent Involvement Policy Jointly Developed

The Hickman School Parent Involvement Policy (PIP), the Parent-School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan are jointly developed by a team of parents, teachers, and community members. Through surveys and other means of data collection, parent suggestions are considered in policy and planning development and revision. The compact, the policy, and the plan are written in an understandable, uniform format in languages all parents can understand.

### PIP and Parent-School Compact

- ⇒ Approved by parents in the spring of each year
- ⇒ Distributed to all parents in the First Day Packet and Hickman Handbook
- ⇒ Presented at the Annual Meeting
- ⇒ Reviewed at Parent Teacher Conferences

### How to Make Suggestions for Improvement

A **Parent Suggestion Box** is housed in the school foyer. **Newsletters** are sent home with requests for suggestions for school improvement.

The **Hickman School Website** offers opportunity for

parent suggestions, [schools.mnps.org/hickman.elementary.school.org](http://schools.mnps.org/hickman.elementary.school.org).

Parents are encouraged to call Hickman School at **615-884-4020** or email Principal Fowler at:

[Kimberly.fowler@mnps.org](mailto:Kimberly.fowler@mnps.org) or call **615-884-4023**.

Parents are invited to be a part of the **PTA**.

**Parent surveys** provide an area for parent suggestions.

*All suggestions are considered for school improvement planning.*

### Parent-School Communication ensures success of every child!

Opportunities for Parent-School Communication, including questions regarding academics:

- ◇ Meet and Greet, Kindergarten Summer Orientation
- ◇ Open House-translators available
- ◇ Parent Teacher Conferences offered on a flexible schedule to accommodate parents
- ◇ PTA Board Meetings
- ◇ Scheduled Grade Level Performances with updates from the PTA, school data presentations, and parent training opportunities (translators available)
- ◇ Yellow Communication Folders
- ◇ Progress reporting and report cards
- ◇ Website, emails, newsletters, text alerts, phone calls and call-outs
- ◇ Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- ◇ School Marquee

## Our Community Supports Hickman School

**Wilson Bank and Trust** partners with Hickman providing banking opportunities for students.

**FLIP Tutors** provide additional instruction for students in the areas of reading and/or math.

**PENCIL PARTNERS**, tutors who receive specialized training in math and reading instruction, assist targeted students.

Hickman is a member of the **Parent Teacher Association**. The PTA hosts events and fundraisers, including BOX

TOPS for Education. The money from fundraisers supports technology, reading programs, and other school needs.

**Andrew Price United Methodist Church** supports the **FUEL Program**. This program provides nutritional support for students in need.

**Parent Volunteers** are encouraged to assist in classrooms, help in the library, and support with school activities.

**+Forward 50** supports our drama program.



## How to Find Out How Hickman Performs

Hickman provides information about school performance and student performance profiles with interpretations, including Tennessee State Standards. Performance results and explanations are available. Planned presentations to parent groups include interpreters.

- ⇒ State of the School Address presentation by the principal
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Conferences
- ⇒ Newsletters
- ⇒ Parent training sessions
- ⇒ Hickman Elementary Website

*The Title I spending plan may include reasonable and necessary expenses including transportation, childcare, or home visit expenses that enable parents to participate in school related meetings and training sessions.*

## Hickman is a Title I School

The Title I spending plan is based on the school improvement plan. All decisions for spending are data-based and carefully planned by a team of teachers, parents, and community members. A vote is taken every spring determining whether the funding will be school-wide

assisted. Funding for 2017-2018 supports the following:

- ◇ School Improvement
- ◇ Team Lead Facilitator
- ◇ Instructional Specialist
- ◇ Math and Reading Instructional Specialist
- ◇ Advanced Academics

- ◇ Coach
- ◇ Teachers in Residence-
- ◇ Instructional Assistants
- ◇ Parent Involvement
- ◇ Instructional Supplies
- ◇ Instructional Books
- ◇ Technology
- ◇ Software

## Hickman Helps Students Transition From Grade to Grade

Hickman provides many opportunities for students to transition from grade level to grade level. Kindergarten Camp and Hickman Orientation offers families a time to get to know teachers as well as school procedures and expectations. Additionally, Hickman has three Pre-K classes. Pre-K parents are invited to all programs throughout the year.

Cambridge Curriculum for Advanced Academics is available school-wide to prepare students for Cambridge at Donelson Middle School and McGavock High School. This international curriculum is recognized in major universities world wide..

During family orientation events, parents and all students are invited to visit their participating general education classes.

Students who know English as a second language as well as exceptional education students are supported in each grade level through an inclusion model. They receive English and reading instruction from an English Language certified teacher or support from an exceptional education teacher depending upon their needs. Students continue to work with general education peers for all learning experiences.

Two half-time translators (Spanish and African languages) work with the school to bridge communication with teachers and families.