# ENTHEOS ACADEMY

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## 7104 PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

#### **Purpose**

Entheos Academy recognizes the vital positive impact that parental involvement in their child's academic work has on student achievement. The following Parent Involvement Policy—created in consultation with parents, and in conjunction with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

### **Policy**

- I. (ESEA)—sets forth the parameters and conditions for parental involvement in the educational programs at Entheos Academy which are supported in part by Title I program funds. Entheos Academy shall:
  - A. Convene an annual meeting to explain the Title I program to parents and inform them of their opportunity to be involved in the program;
  - B. Be flexible in scheduling meetings to meet parents' needs. Title I funds may be used to pay related expenses such as child care, transportation or home visits;
  - C. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in planning, reviewing and improving (including dissenting views) the school's programs supported in part by Title I funds;
  - D. Provide timely information about its programs to parents; describe the curricula, the student assessments and proficiency levels students are expected to meet; provide opportunities for regular meetings, such as SEP Conferences, where parents can provide input, and respond promptly to parent suggestions.
- II. In order to build capacity for involvement, the Entheos Academy staff will provide assistance to parents in such areas as understanding the State's content standards and student performance standards and other associated assessments.
- III. Entheos staff members will also provide parents with information as to how they can work with staff to improve the performance of their children and consult with teachers as to how they can participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. This information will be shared at the annual meeting mentioned as well as in newsletters and on the web site.

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IV. Entheos Academy will provide additional materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve achievement. Materials will be distributed by such methods as e-mail, written notices, and/or handbooks.

#### **Entheos Academy Parent-School Compact**

- A. As a Parent I will, take the initiative to:
  - 1. Volunteer time to benefit the school.
  - 2. Understand what my student is learning, through active communication with my student and his or her teacher(s).
  - 3. Follow up at home with teaching and modeling school values and Habits of a Scholar
  - 4. Provide an environment at home that encourages successful continuation of learning and completion of homework
  - 5. Attend Student Led Conferences, Celebrations of Learning, and other Entheos events
  - 6. Become an active partner with teachers and school in helping my students(s) achieve their highest potential.
  - 7. Show proper respect to others, property and self by appropriate communication, dress and actions whenever visiting, volunteering or attending any school activities.

#### B. AS A SCHOOL, WE WILL:

- 1. Engage students through quality lessons and active learning activities.
- 2. Provide an environment that is both emotionally and physically safe.
- 3. Be receptive to parent questions and suggestions.
- 4. Show professional level respect to others, property, and self by appropriate communication, dress, and actions.
- 5. Be an active partner with parents/ guardians in helping students achieve their highest academic potential and become good citizens to their communities
- 6. Communicate in a timely manner with parents/guardians about all aspects of student learning including praise, struggles, and upcoming work and after school events.
- 7. Provide a variety of ways for families to volunteer both in and out of the classroom.
- 8. Provide opportunities for students to have access to functional computers/equipment on a regular basis
- 9. Continuously provide high quality, relevant Professional Development, coaching, and evaluations for teacher and staff to ensure students are receiving innovative instruction.