

Columbus High School

Parent/Guardian Involvement Plan

Columbus High School recognizes that students learn best when parents, guardians and families are engaged in their education. There are many ways parents can get involved in the school and at home. Some parents volunteer at the school, serve on a committee, or participate in school functions and in parent-teacher conferences. Other parents or guardians get involved at home by encouraging their student to develop good study habits, taking interest in their student's homework and by having good communication about school on a daily basis.

What is parental involvement?

Parental involvement is the participation of parents in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. Research and reports have shown that parental/guardian involvement:

- enhances academic performance
- leads to better classroom behavior
- better student attendance
- decrease student drug and alcohol use
- increases teacher morale
- helps parents and children

Opportunities for Parent Involvement

There are many ways that parents can be involved with the school. Not every way requires that a parent go to the school. The most important and basic way that parents can be involved can be done at home. Every teacher and administrator at Columbus High School would be grateful for all parents to be involved at Level 1.

Level 1

- Make sure my student attends school every day and is on time
- Make sure my student has his/her school supplies

- Make sure the school has correct information –address, phone numbers, emergency numbers, etc....
- Provide a quiet space for my student to do school work, study, or read
- Encourage positive feelings about school

Level 2

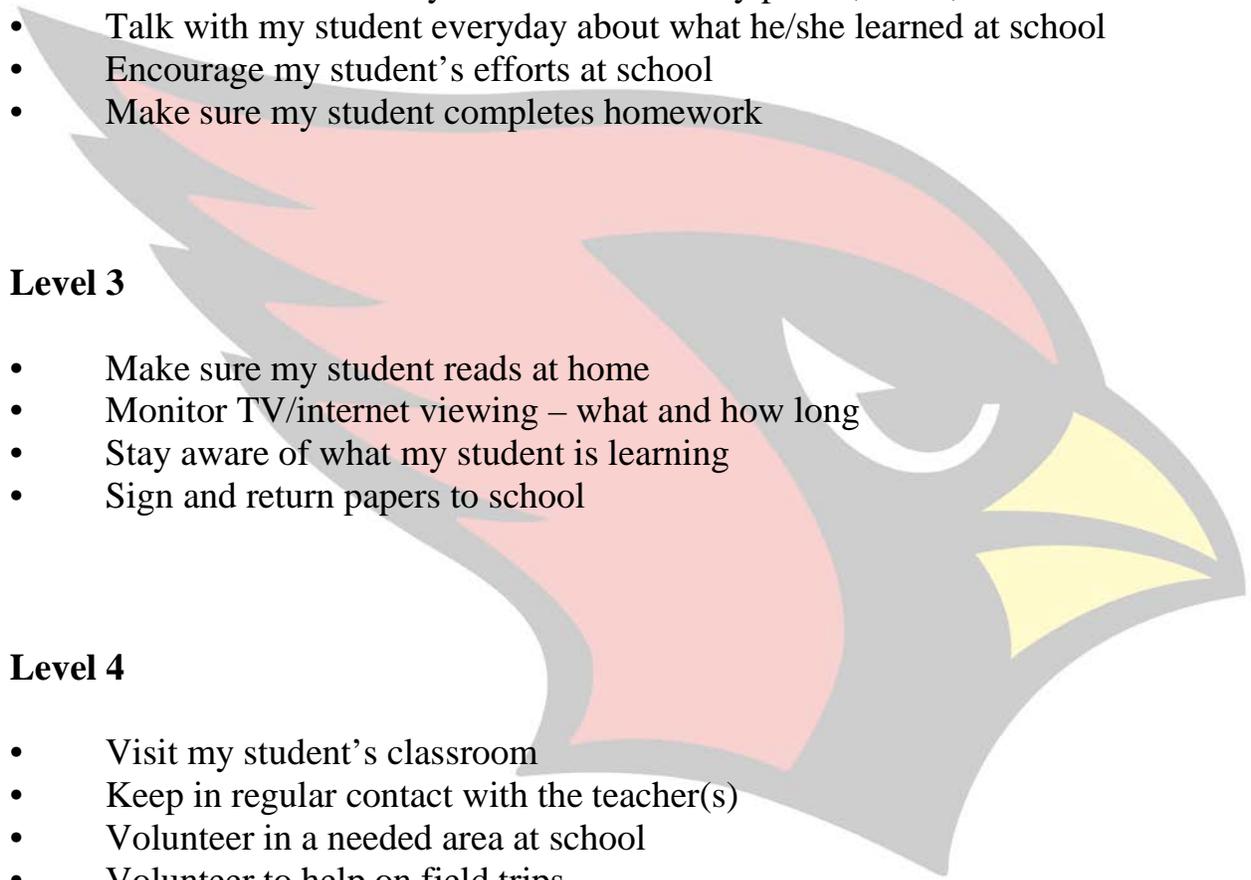
- Meet my student's teacher
- Communicate with my student's teacher by phone, notes, e-mail
- Talk with my student everyday about what he/she learned at school
- Encourage my student's efforts at school
- Make sure my student completes homework

Level 3

- Make sure my student reads at home
- Monitor TV/internet viewing – what and how long
- Stay aware of what my student is learning
- Sign and return papers to school

Level 4

- Visit my student's classroom
- Keep in regular contact with the teacher(s)
- Volunteer in a needed area at school
- Volunteer to help on field trips
- Volunteer to help with special events –book fairs, science fair, festivals, etc.
- Join a booster club
- Get involved in planning school activities and fund raisers
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Attend programs and assemblies provided at school



Level 5

- Volunteer to serve on the campus site-based team
- Attend trainings and workshops
- Become familiar with current educational laws
- Maintain an open line of communication between the school and the community
- Become a mentor for a student

Thank you for your support.

