

National Network of Partnership School

A Program for Success at

Centerville Elementary

Lindsey Elementary

Miller Elementary

Northside Elementary

Northside Middle

Pearl Stephens Elementary

Perry Middle

Russell Elementary

Thomson Middle

Warner Robins Middle

Huntington Middle

Linwood Elementary

Morningside Elementary

Northside High

Parkwood Elementary

Perry High

Perry Primary

Shirley Hills Elementary

Tucker Elementary

Westside Elementary

“....For when schools have well-developed partnership programs, families become more involved and students become more positive about school and learning. Studies have found improvement in student’ attendance behavior, homework completion, and report card grades.”

--Dr. Joyce Epstein, Founder of NNPS

Overview:

The National Network of Partnership Schools is a researched-based, goal oriented program of school, family, and community partnerships developed through Johns Hopkins University and established in 1995 by Dr. Joyce Epstein. This type of partnership will help us to develop *family friendly schools which will in turn create school friendly families*. The NNPS program is based on a framework of parent involvement with an emphasis on six types of family and community involvement:

- **Parenting**
- **Communicating**
- **Volunteering**
- **Learning at Home**
- **Decision Making**
- **Collaborating with the Community**

To become a District Level member of the Partnership, Houston County agreed to name a district level facilitator to assist schools, develop an annual budget and complete annual updates. The facilitator will work with schools to develop Action Teams, use the framework of the six types of parent involvement, complete annual updates and conduct workshops and regular meetings with the schools. The initial membership cost will be \$200.00. If the county and schools complete the annual update each year, future membership dues are waived.

Action Team:

Each school, after being trained will develop an Action Team, which will work in conjunction with the existing school improvement team to develop a one-year action plan. Action Teams will meet regularly and are made up of school administration, teachers, parents, parent involvement coordinator, community members and support staff.

Our goal is to pilot the partnership in six schools during 2005-2006, adding all Title I schools over the next three years. Eventually, all schools would have the opportunity to be members of the partnership.

District Advisory Committee:

A Parent Advisory Committee may provide input and support regarding the Title I Parent Involvement Plan, Title I Parent Involvement activities, NNPS trainings and review of school-level 1-year Action Plans. The committee will annually review and jointly develop the district's Title I Parent Plan.

Action Plans:

The purpose of action teams is to design and carry-out goals outlined in the one-year action plan for student success. The action plan goals will be aligned with school improvement goals. Activities for families and community involvement will be planned around these common goals. The partnership will allow Houston County to implement a research-based program for parent involvement with a yearly evaluation.



Benefits of Partnerships: Results of Research

For Students

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance
- Increased enrollment in more challenging academic programs
- More classes passed and credits earned
- Improved behavior at home and at school
- Better social skills and adaptation to school

For Teachers

- Increased respect for families' strengths and efforts
- Greater readiness to involve all families in new ways
- Increased satisfaction with family involvement and support

For Parents

- Increased feeling of support from school and other parents
- More interactions with other families in school and community activities
- More effective responses to student problems
- Increased awareness of student progress and how to help student do better
- Increased feeling of “ownership” and “sense of community” at school

If your child is attending a Partnership School and you would like to serve on the Action Team for Progress, please contact your building principal. If you would like to learn more about NNPS and how your school could join, please visit NNPS on the web at:

<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/p2000/default.htm>