

Holbrook Junior High School Parental Involvement

Many parents who are actively involved in the education of their children at the elementary school level become less involved when their children reach middle school. However, parent involvement in a child's education during the middle school years (ages 10 to 14) is just as important in a child's success at HJHS as it is in earlier grades.

When parents are actively involved in their children's education, they do better in school. The academic level of the parents, their socioeconomic level, and their ethnic or racial origin are not determining factors for academic success. It is essential for parents to have a positive attitude regarding education, and to demonstrate trust that their children can do well.

How Will Your Children and HJHS Benefit From Your Involvement?

When parents become involved, both students and school benefit:

- Grades and test results are higher;**
- Students' attitudes and behavior are more positive;**
- Academic programs are more successful; and**
- The schools, as a whole, are more effective.**

The participation of all parents, including those with limited knowledge of English, is important to the academic achievement of their children. Such participation has many positive consequences for the family, the school, and especially for the young adolescent:

- The family has the chance to understand the school system better.**
- The teachers can understand students who come from other cultures more easily.**
- The students receive support from adults in order to confront the problems of adolescence-particularly where these problems are accentuated by the conflicting cultures of home, friends, and school.**