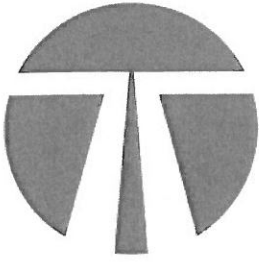


MTS High School Parent Involvement 2016 - 2017



MTS High School is committed to building strong parent and family partnerships within our community. We believe having strong community involvement is essential in creating a successful learning environment for students.

When parents are involved...

- Students achieve more.
- Students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior, increased motivation, and better self-esteem.
- Students earn higher grades and test scores, have better attendance, and complete homework more consistently.
- Students have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

How parents can be more involved at MTS High School:

At home:

- Create a good environment to study.
- Encourage and monitor students to do their homework every night.
- Reading is very important to them, so set reading time for them.
- Talk to your child about their school day.
- Limit how much time is spent on TV, video games and cell phones

At school:

- Stay in touch with teachers. **See website for staff directory or contact the main office*
- Attend as many school meetings and activities as possible. *(Parent-teacher conference, family nights, open houses) *see below*
- Read all newsletters that are sent home from school and feel free to call if you have any questions.

Events at school:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Twice a year - **October 18 and 19**
 - Talk with teachers to discuss progress or concerns about your child
- Student Recognition Ceremony – **December 23 and June 5**
 - Students are awarded for achievement in classes and various school activities
- Open Houses
 - Twice a year – **January 30 and April 24**
 - Meet with teachers and learn about the programs and classes at MTS High School
- Student Showcase – **Date To Be Determined**
 - Students display their art and other projects
- Annual Meeting: - **February 25**

- Parent information nights - Nights to be determined

The social work team will be organizing nights for parents to come and learn more about teenagers, teen-age stressors, and tips on how to best work with these quickly changing young men and women.

Parent/Family Resources:

Attendance:

- Students should be at school on time every day.
- Attending 33% or less of school in a term results in earning no credit for the term.

Children and sleep:

- Good sleep is essential to a child's health and growth.
- Sleep promotes alertness.
- 6 days of unexcused absences requires warning paper.
- Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioral problems and moodiness.

How much sleep should my child get?

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Hours of sleep:</u>
1-3 years	12-14 hours
3-5 years	11-13 hours
5-12 years	10-11 hours
12-18 years	8.5-9.5 hours

Homework help resources:

Free homework help at **Hennepin County libraries**

- September through May
- No advance sign-up is needed
- No cost to families

<http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/homework.cfm>

- Online help is also available for math, science and writing.
- Must have a library card
- It is free to sign up
- Visit any library in Hennepin County

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