

FOR PARENTS

What is a Parent Leader?

A parent leader is defined as one who is able to provide support to parents, students, teachers, and constituents in their community with the objective of obtaining positive outcomes for everyone. They also encourage other parents to take on leadership roles in education. This individual passionately represents the needs and perspectives of all parents, improves the direction of their families, and acquires the knowledge and skills needed to have a meaningful voice without being in a staff role at the school. Parent leaders become role models for family engagement, advocating not only on behalf of their own children, but for other families as well.

How Can I Become a Parent Leader?

- 1 Provide support and leadership through active engagement in your child's education.
- 2 Work collaboratively with your school's principal, teachers, and parent liaison to learn about all aspects of the school's structure and share this information with other parents.
- 3 Remember T.E.A.M. — Together Everyone Achieves More. Continue to support your child's learning at home by working with their teacher to help them develop good homework and study habits.
- 4 Ask questions and "speak out" to have a powerful voice in the decision-making that directly impacts every component of your child's education.
- 5 Help create opportunities for community members and stakeholders to support school efforts through meaningful collaboration related to curriculum and school improvement.
- 6 Talk with your child's teacher and school principal to learn about opportunities to get involved in your school's advisory councils as a method to make your talents, skills, and availability to assist known.
- 7 Work with other parents at your school to develop a plan of action for engaging all parents with the goal of helping your school's administrator improve learning for all children.

