

# **Family Involvement Policy**

**School Year**

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor School**

**Jo Tassin, Principal**

## **Philosophy**

Our most important concern is your child as an individual. In all that we do, we strive to further his total educational development. Our philosophy exemplifies this. We believe that the ideal goal of each human being's growth is to become as perfect a person as his native potential allows. This includes the maximum development of his spiritual, intellectual, moral, psychological, physical, aesthetic and social capacity, so that his total personhood is encompassed in his growth as a unique human being. We believe that our primary goal is to help each individual to freely choose his value system with knowledge and inner conviction, so that these values, enhanced by positive Christian attitudes, will help him to determine his principles of conduct in order to live a good Christian life on this earth and to enjoy God's presence for all eternity.

## **Belief Statements**

In order to attain our primary goal and the principal reason for the existence of Our Lady of Prompt Succor School, we endeavor to adhere strictly to the Catholic Christian philosophy of education and to provide an environment in which excellence can prevail. Hence, our seven basic beliefs may be summarized as follows:

1. We believe that Our Lady of Prompt Succor School is committed to carry out the three dimensions of educational ministry of the church:
  - a. To announce the Message, revealed by God which the Church proclaims;
  - b. To build fellowship in the life of the Holy Spirit;
  - c. To give service to the Christian community and the entire human community.
2. We believe that every individual is a unique human person, deserving of acceptance, respect, dignity, and freedom. We exist primarily to serve our Catholic clientele and to help them grow in their Catholic faith and morality. However, our school is open to students of all faiths, and we respect their beliefs.
3. We believe that Christian justice should be evident in all of our dealings with one another and with our students.
4. We believe that prayer is an essential part of our school day and that this prayerful atmosphere should pervade all of our thoughts, words and actions throughout the day.
5. We believe that we should form life-giving relationships with one another and with our students.
6. We believe that our students and their parents should have a stake in our school, feel that we are offering them a Christian education of a high caliber, and know that we truly love and care about them.
7. We believe that our faculty, the parents, and members of our parish and civic community must continue to work together in a unified effort in order to instill into our young people the skills, concepts, values, and attitudes which are necessary for a happy and successful Christian life.

## **Introduction**

Even though Our Lady of Prompt Succor School endeavors to offer to each individual the opportunities that he needs to take his place successfully in society, we also believe that each individual has an obligation to himself as a human being, and to the society in which he lives. This includes his obligation to take advantage of these opportunities, so that he may become a responsible, contributing member, be fulfilled and happy on this earth, and above all, attain life everlasting.

We also believe that the home has the primary responsibility for all phases of a child's growth, and that the school assumes varying degrees of responsibility for each of these phases at different times in the student's life. Specifically, we strive to provide an environment and a religious education program that are particularly conducive to the growth of the total child.

We are committed to carry out our responsibility to the best of our ability, and we have the utmost confidence that the parents of these children are endeavoring to fulfill their responsibility in a most cooperative relationship.

- I. Hold annual meetings, at convenient times, for the purpose of keeping parents informed about our school's programs and their right to be involved in school planning as well as their child's education process.
  - A. Beginning of school Open House
  - B. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Classroom orientations
- II. Offer a flexible number of meetings as follows:
  - A. Monthly Home and School Board meetings
  - B. Quarterly School Council meetings
- III. Involve parents in an organized, ongoing way in the planning, review and improvement of our programs.
  - A. Input from Home and school Association
  - B. Input from School Council
  - C. Electronic Surveys
- IV. Provide parents with their child's required school performance profiles and assessment results including interpretation of the results.
  - A. Quarterly Report Cards
  - B. Grades available on-line through RenWeb
  - C. Electronic progress reports half-way through each quarter
  - D. Annual Achievement Test Results

- V. Provide parents with a description of the curriculum in use and the forms of assessment used to measure student progress.
  - A. Parent Handbook
  - B. Curriculum posted on-line on school website
  
- VI. Develop with parents a home-school compact that would involve the student, teacher, and parent.
  - A. Signed by students, parents and teachers
  - B. Kept on file at school
  
- VII. Hold parent conferences regularly.
  - A. Scheduled Parent/Teacher Conference day at the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
  - B. Informal parent/teacher conferences as needed
  
- VIII. Report frequently to parents about their child's progress.
  - A. Weekly papers sent home
  - B. Grades posted weekly on Renweb
  - C. Notes, phone calls and emails sent home as needed
  
- IX. Provide opportunities for parents to volunteer in the school.
  - A. Playground/car pool duty
  - B. Book Fairs
  - C. Fall Festival
  - D. Field Day
  - E. School Play
  
- X. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations.
  - A. Partners in Education activities:
    - 1. Miracle Network wristband sale
    - 2. Advent and Lenten Projects for various charitable organizations
    - 3. Christmas Food Drive