

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMMITMENT

A key aspect of CHAMPS philosophy centers on the role of parents and caregivers as partners in the educational process. Founding a Charter School is a huge task. Yet, the task is fulfilled if achieved on a daily basis with your contribution of time and creative spirit. Without the support and help of a dedicated body of volunteer families, our school could not provide the high quality activities and programs that we have. Volunteers are instrumental in many of the functions of the school. Family involvement in the school is a much more meaningful experience for children when families are involved in academic learning and social interactions. Research shows the top indicator of student success in school is parent/guardian involvement in their child's education. It is vital to your child's development. Your commitment to this involvement will make the difference in your child's academic success

Recent budget cuts mean that we must think creatively about how to provide services to our students. As a Charter School we get less than 80% of the funding that traditional public schools receive. A large part of the solution is in utilizing family volunteers.

On Page 20 of the Student Handbook, it states, "the contribution of service hours is the norm. However, it is recognized that in the case of some families, work, time, distance and other family obligations may contribution of service hours difficult or impossible."

A Deposit of \$200.00 per family is requested upon registration, which will be held on deposit and returned at the end of the year provided Family involvement is attained as described below.

CHAMPS Family Council has introduced a Family Service Program. Families are requested to contribute five (5) hours of service per month to assist the school by serving in a variety of areas, including the Arts, Activities, and Academic programs of the school. Be aware that any member of your family can fulfill the Family Involvement Service Program. However, if no combination of family members can fulfill 5 hours of volunteer time in one month, then another solution is to help off-set the costs with a \$100.00 donation each month. Families who fail to honor their commitment to be involved in their child's educational program will assess \$100.00 **a month** against their deposit. When the deposit has been completely forfeited, a monthly request will be made for \$100. 00.

Families provide innumerable services to the school, including classroom help, office help, phone tree coordinators, Governance Council board or committee members, Saturday detention monitors, picking up donated goods, special events, festivals, fundraising, communications, hospitality, conflict resolution, nutrition and lunch aids, school beautification projects, specialty classes, etc. Family members may work directly or indirectly with students. Please read our weekly newsletter for updates on all activities and events.

There are numerous ways to acquire Service Hours, including the following:

- Opportunities will be listed on the school website and in the CHAMPS newsletter
- You may request service hours by sending an e-mail to the Volunteer Coordinator or President of Family Council
- One hour of service time will be granted for each CHAMPS meeting attended.

- Representatives of service projects may contact you by email or phone.
- Help is always needed during school hours, especially at nutrition and lunch.

Families are responsible for completing a Service Card form and having them signed by the service event representative. Once you have completed each five (5) hours of family service, turn in the service card to the Main Office, keeping a copy for your records.

A parent volunteer, in coordination with the Office-Volunteer Liaison, will supervise volunteer efforts. The Volunteer Coordinator's job is to organize the school's volunteers, and maintain a database of parent availability for different school tasks.

This family involvement contract must be signed and submitted by each family along with their registration packet.

Membership in the CHAMPS Family Council (aka Booster Club) becomes effective for parents/guardians at the time of their student's enrollment.

Remember, the quality of our children's school depends upon the quality of its volunteers. Your help is invaluable.

I have read the attached **Family Involvement Commitment** and agree to the above terms.

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name of Student at CHAMPS: _____

Email address _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY CHECKLIST

Classroom Help – Assist Teachers in the classrooms as needed

Office Help – Answer phones, assist with paperwork, or filing.

Volunteer Coordinator – Keep track of all parent volunteer time, make phone calls to confirm dates and times.

Phone Tree Coordinators – Each coordinator will call 25 numbers on phone list as needed for important information, updates or changes.

Nutrition and Lunch Aids - Help supervise students at nutrition and lunchtime. Help sell snacks. Helpers need to commit to the same day each week. i.e. coming every Thursday to help during lunch.

Governance Council Board or Committee Members – Governance Council meets once a week, usually on Wednesdays at 5:15

There are 4 subcommittees of Governance Council, which are:

Curriculum Committee, Admissions Committee, Community Outreach, and Ad Hoc Administrative committee. Please speak to the Governance Board President for more information.

Family Council Board – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer

Picking up Donated Goods – Prefer someone with a truck or van. Most items are picked up from offices so weekday availability is preferred.

Tutoring – If you have a degree or strong background in any of our curricular subjects.

Special Events – Helping out by coordinating or chaperoning at any CHAMPS related venue including school dances, plays, shows, festivals, dinner or luncheons.

Fundraising – Coordinating fundraising events such as Silent Auctions, Vegas Night, Pledge Drives, etc.

Grant Writer – Anyone willing to help find and write Grants.

Hospitality – Providing food and drinks for CHAMPS Family Council Meetings, Governance Council meetings, Teacher Meetings, etc.

School Beautification Projects – Painting, Gardening, Clean-up, General Maintenance, etc.

Specialty Classes – Volunteer to teach an after school or weekend class in your specialty field.

Hall Monitor – Make sure all students are in class, on time, and not roaming the hallways or hanging out in the bathrooms.

AM/PM drop-off/pick-up supervisors – make sure traffic flows smoothly, efficiently and safely

Performing Arts Academy Volunteers – Assist the academy teachers with their needs for help with performances and plays such as costumes, set coordinators, venues and bake sales.

On-campus during the school day		On-campus off hours		Committee participation		Work from home		Special Projects	
Classroom Help		AM/PM traffic		Volunteer Coordinator		Volunteer Coordinator		Grant Writer	
Lunch Aides		School Beautification		Governance Council Board member		Phone Tree Coordinator		Coordinating or chaperoning school events	
Office Help		Picking up Donated Goods		Governance Council Committee member		Phone Tree branch leader		Hospitality	
Hall Monitor		Tutoring		Family Council Board		Fundraising		Specialty Classes	
				Fundraising Committee		Date-processing			

Please list any special skills/talents that may apply : _____

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 – 9 am					
9 – 10 am					
10 - 11am					
11 – 12 pm					
12 - 1 pm					
1 – 2 pm					
2 – 3 pm					
3 – 4 pm					
4 – 5 pm					

Your Name

Your Phone Number

Your e-mail

Please sign and turn in with your \$200 refundable deposit – DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Received by _____ Date _____ Cash _____ Check _____