

**Trask Middle School**  
**Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Procedures**

***Trask Middle School is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive working and learning environment for all students, families, and staff.***

Emma B. Trask Middle School parents and families are welcome and encouraged to become partners in the school community through volunteer opportunities. Parents and families will be notified of these activities through the weekly newsletters, school invitations, letters, and/or our web page.

More parents are involved in their children's schools at the elementary than at the secondary school level (grades 6-12). In part, this result occurs because young adolescents often discourage their parents from coming to school. Parents of secondary students often are unsure how to help their children, and many secondary schools do not make parent involvement a high priority. But research shows a link between parent involvement in secondary school and future student success (Engle, 1989; Hickman, 1995-1996).

Engle (1989) indicates that students whose parents remained involved through high school were much more likely to complete college. These students were three times more likely to complete a bachelor's degree than children of parents who were not involved in middle and high school. Parent involvement was defined as frequency of talking to teachers, parent interest in school activities, and parent monitoring of school work. More than 11,200 students were involved in the study. Twenty-seven percent of the students whose parents remained involved completed a bachelor's degree, compared to only 8 percent of those students whose parents were not very involved in middle and high school.

Families are also welcome and encouraged to participate in and/or contact the School Improvement Team and the PTA with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

- **Booster Clubs**
  - Athletic Boosters: Kim Burghardt ([kimberly.burghardt@nhcs.net](mailto:kimberly.burghardt@nhcs.net))
  - Band Boosters: Kari Loeber ([kari.loeber@nhcs.net](mailto:kari.loeber@nhcs.net))
- **Faculty/Staff Breakfast and Lunch Events:** Time commitment varies. Onsite set up/clean up, donations, organization, Wendy Samuels ([wendy.samuels@nhcs.net](mailto:wendy.samuels@nhcs.net))
- **Grizzly Family Book Club**
  - Quarterly book club events that include hands-on activities and engaging discourse for students and families to complete together
- **Mobile Instructional Support Labs**
  - Provide on-site assistance with delivering materials, supporting technology access, Google classroom support, and address student issues in remote learning.
- **Breakfast with Bears:**
  - Join us for a light breakfast to meet with teachers and discuss your child's academic progress
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Luann Cline ([luann.cline@nhcs.net](mailto:luann.cline@nhcs.net))
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Amber Hines ([melanie.smith@nhcs.net](mailto:melanie.smith@nhcs.net))
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Louis Cicero ([louis.cicero@nhcs.net](mailto:louis.cicero@nhcs.net))
- **PTA:** Anthony Houpe ([mr.anthonyhoupe@gmail.com](mailto:mr.anthonyhoupe@gmail.com))
- **Refreshments/Baked Goods:**
  - On call to bring in refreshments for various functions such as open houses, theater, musical performances ([d.wilson00@yahoo.com](mailto:d.wilson00@yahoo.com))
- **STAE tutorials:** STAE tutorials take place in small groups that are subject area specific. STAE tutors assist the students achieve their full potential by facilitating collaborative tutorial groups, needed weekly, Treasa Hyman ([treasa.hyman@nhcs.net](mailto:treasa.hyman@nhcs.net))
- **STEM Nights**
  - A STEM family night is an evening of hands-on science, CTE, and arts activities for students and families to complete together.
- **Watchdogs:** Brandon Noel ([noelbm23@yahoo.com](mailto:noelbm23@yahoo.com))

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller*