

## **Parent Partnership Policy**

### **Region: Texas**

Engaged parents are a core pillar of Rocketship's model and critical to our Rocketeers and their long-term success. By actively being included and involved in our schools and their Rocketeers' learning, parents become integrated into the fabric of the school community. An active partnership between families and Rocketship faculty and staff benefits our Rocketeers as they see their parents on campus, and families as they gain a deeper understanding of Rocketship's model and are positioned to reinforce Rocketship's core values at home. This policy describes the 30-hour suggested commitment; ways to satisfy hours; monitoring and tracking of hours; and clearance requirements.

#### **I. Thirty Hour Commitment**

Rocketship asks that families participate in 20 Parent Partnership Hours each year per family by supporting or participating in various school activities. Participating in Parent Partnership Hours is encouraged, but NOT required. If families do not realize 20 Parent Partnership Hours annually, there is no consequence or penalty.

#### **II. Satisfying Parent Partnership Hours**

Parents can satisfy their Partnership Hours through any of the following participation categories:

- Academic achievement (i.e. home visits with teachers/School Leaders, teacher conferences, take-home work to assist a classroom teacher, assisting the Office Manager)
  - School community (i.e. attending community meetings, helping at special events)
  - Education advocacy (i.e. attending Parent Leadership meetings or school hearings)
- Rocketship will ensure that opportunities for Parent Partnership Hours occur both during the school day and after hours or on weekends in order to accommodate the work and personal schedules of our families.

Families may have extended family members (i.e. grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, siblings, etc.) participate in the school activities and realize Parent Partnership Hours.

#### **III. Monitoring and Tracking of Hours**

Rocketship carefully tracks and monitors Parent Partnership Hours during each school year.

If the parent/family member is satisfying hours through an interaction with a classroom teacher, the teacher is responsible for tracking the time.

If the parent/family member is working at the school office, he/she must sign in with the Office Manager using the school's electronic or paper system.

If the parent/family member is attending a meeting or event (on or off campus), Rocketship will provide a sign-in sheet. The parent/family member must sign in. The school Office Manager will be responsible for inputting the relevant partnership hours.

Rocketship will implement a system to house the partnership data. Each school will provide regular status updates to help families keep abreast of their hours. Parents/families can also request this data from the Office Manager at any time.

#### **IV. Clearance Requirements for Volunteers**

The safety of our Rocketeers always comes first. Thus, every parent, guardian, or family member who chooses to volunteer on- or off-campus at Rocketship-sponsored events must apply to become a volunteer. Some volunteer activities will require a background check. For more information, see Rocketship's regional Volunteer Clearance Policy.

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