

**WILLIAM FLOYD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**NATHANIEL WOODHULL TITLE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

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At Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School, the staff, parents and community work together with one common goal: student achievement. We believe that the home is every child's first learning experience and parents are the child's first and permanent teachers. Long before New York State regulation 100.11 mandated including parents in the decision-making processes in the school, Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School recognized the value of parent involvement. Since 2002/2003 school year, parents have been a part of the school's Shared Decision Making team which is responsible for writing and evaluating the Action Plan for the school each year.

Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School will work cooperatively with the William Floyd UPK Program to create parent involvement activities and build a community of support for the education of students pre-k through elementary grades. In addition, we will work with other community resources, such as the community library, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Children do best when parents are enabled to play four key roles: as teachers, as advisors, as advocates and as decision-makers. Parents are encouraged to participate in all these roles in school and at home to promote each child's personal and academic growth. Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their academic achievement. We will provide literacy training, training on the use of technology, etc. in order to encourage and foster parent involvement. The school welcomes parents, and together with our P.T.O., actively recruits parent volunteers to play an integral part in the collaboration of ideas and activities to ensure student growth and academic success.

Open communication between home and school is essential in meeting students' needs. Pertinent information is shared in a variety of ways: on the district website which includes the parent portal and Google Site, our Parent Handbook which clearly lists parents and school responsibilities, the action plan, our monthly newsletter, P.T.O meetings, parent workshops, and parent-teacher conferences.

Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School will provide assistance to parents to help them understand NY Common Core State Standards and student performance reporting systems. In addition, Nathaniel Woodhull will provide parents with NYS Assessment data reports, tri-annual report cards and Academic Intervention service progress reports when applicable.

Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School will empower teachers, support services, administration and staff to work together with parents as partners to develop, implement, and coordinate parent programs which foster a partnership between parents and Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School. At Nathaniel Woodhull Elementary School, greater family involvement in

children's learning is a critical link to achieving a high-quality education and a safe, disciplined learning environment for every student.