



New England
League of
Middle Schools

Parent Network

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

MISSION:

The NELMS Middle Level Parent Network will assist school parent organizations to better initiate and sustain effective parent involvement to positively effect student learning at the middle level. The Parent Network will also disseminate information about young adolescent development and proven promising practices that improve learning for each and every young adolescent in middle level schools.

Guiding Beliefs:

- ◆ **Community involvement and support are critical to the development, implementation and sustainability of effective student learning.**
- ◆ **Parents must stay involved in the education and development of their young adolescents.**
- ◆ **To guide the development of young adolescents, parents must be knowledgeable; education is a key to better understanding.**
- ◆ **Many parents and community members want guidance and support on issues surrounding young adolescent development.**
- ◆ **Parent involvement is critical to raise the achievement of young adolescents.**
- ◆ **The components of effective middle level education are known, but specific implementation varies in each school.**
- ◆ **Parent and school partnerships can be formed that are effective and supportive.**
- ◆ **Today's effective school for young adolescents is a different place than that of their parents.**
- ◆ **Will collaborate, but not compete, with other regional and national parent organizations.**

MEMBER BENEFITS :

- ◆ **Parent Network Newsletter published three times per year containing.**
 - ◆ **News of upcoming events**
 - ◆ **Information and/or relevant articles about activities and practices for effective parent involvement that can be reproduced for distribution**
 - ◆ **Research summaries about relevant topics**
 - ◆ **Public relation tips and suggestions that change attitudes and behaviors**
 - ◆ **Hints, tips and training opportunities to manage productive meetings**

◆ **Member discounts including:**

- ◆ **Reduced rates to all NELMS activities including our Annual Middle Level Conference which includes a parent strand**
- ◆ **Special offers on selected parent publications**
- ◆ **Middle level parent informational meetings at your school**
- ◆ **Books and instructive videos offered by NELMS**

◆ **Reproducible NELMS Home Lines (the parent newsletter) sent four times a year**

◆ **NELMS information including:**

- ◆ **One copy of each edition of Mid Lines (the NELMS newspaper)**
- ◆ **Member mailings**

◆ **NELMS Resources:**

- ◆ **Access to the many NELMS resources regarding best practice, effective schools and effective parent involvement from our Resource Room**
- ◆ **Access to “Parent Room” on the NELMS Web Page (when developed)**

Membership:

Cost per parent group for a NELMS member school is \$35.00; non-member school group \$50.00. A group-designated person will receive NELMS membership materials. Each group member will be considered part of the NELMS Parent Network and receive discounts at NELMS events and on publication materials.

**As our program evolves, we welcome your ideas, suggested materials and possible activities.
NELMS wants to respond to your needs.**

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