



## **Project Success Student Group Participation Information, Parent Permission Slip and Instructional Waiver**

*Project Success* is a Livingston County agency supported initiative provided to HPS schools for the purpose of building the 40 developmental assets we know are important to adolescents. Examples of these assets include healthy self esteem and coping skills. Financial funding for this initiative is provided through a federal grant.

The community agency *The Family Resource Center* is assigned to provide services to Howell Public Schools and offers to do so through several student components, including *Project Success*, as well as a parent component, *Creating Lasting Family Connections*. *Project Success*, described in more detail below, provides a Project Success Counselor (PSC) to work within each of the HPS secondary schools one day/week.

### **Project Success Groups (Available at HPS Middle and High Schools)**

#### Selection of Students

- After distributing descriptions of Project Success, as well as group descriptions and requirements, students will be chosen for participation in groups through counselor recommendation, teacher recommendation, parent recommendation, student request, and/or student survey interests.
- All surveying done with students must meet HPS Board Policy and Guidelines
- HPS counselor(s), in collaboration with administration, will facilitate the selection of students participating in a group, without the PCS involvement
- All students selected will receive a parent permission slip that includes the group course outline for full disclosure to parents.
- All students selected for participation must return a signed Project Success permission slip, and this form should go into the student's CA60 as documentation of a parent waiver from scheduled instruction.
- A selected student is responsible for making up all assignments from class sessions he/she missed due to participation in project success.

#### Scheduling of Group Meetings

- Students meet in groups during the instructional day.
- A Project Success group meeting will last for one class period.
- Project Success groups will normally run 6-8 weeks.
- Groups will normally range in size of 8-10 students
- Students may not be pulled from instruction in any ELA, math or science class to participate in Project Success.
- Students may not be pulled from IEPed special education servicing to participate in Project Success.

Meeting Facilitation:

- The PCS and a HPS counselor will meet with students for each meeting that takes place. At no time is the PCS to be facilitating with a HPS counselor present.
  - All case management activities involve the HPS counselor.
  - Counselors are forthright with students and their parents that any student behaviors that are discovered to be illegal or potentially harmful to self or others must be shared with administration and possibly law enforcement and Child Protective Services.
- Materials for groups will be shared and approved by counselors and administration, per HPS Board Policy, before the beginning of the group's formation.
- Groups will meet in a room/area designated by the school's administration.
- Approved Group Topics as of March 2011: Coping Skills, Divorce, Insight (dangers of specific substances: alcohol, marijuana, prescription drugs, and heroin) and Teen Choices

As a parent or legal guardian, I give my permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the Project Success Group titled \_\_\_\_\_  
during the weeks of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. I understand that this  
permission also serves as my waiver for my child to miss instruction in his/her regularly scheduled  
courses while participating in Project Success. I understand my child is responsible for making up  
all assignments in those courses in a timely manner, as outlined by the instructor(s).

Parent Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***The Project Success outline for your child's group is attached to this form.***