**Stratford Public Schools**

**PARENTS’ RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Parent Active Participation – A Formula for Student Success**

Rights

* To know what is expected of the child with respect to the educational program, attendance, and behavior.
* To know what the child is being taught, and how the child is being taught.
* To know what progress the child is making, on a timely basis.
* To be informed if the child experiences academic, health, or social difficulty.
* To see the child’s school records.
* To visit the child’s school and to talk to the child’s teachers and principal.
* To be encouraged and assisted to participate effectively in educational decision making.
* To be consulted on important matters concerning the child’s education.
* To be treated with courtesy and respect by school personnel.

Responsibilities

* To send the child to school rested, clean, fed, and ready to learn.
* To ensure that the child attends school regularly and on time.
* To be aware of the child’s work, progress, and problems – by talking to the child about school, by looking at the child’s work and progress reports, and by attending school functions, when possible.
* To maintain continuing contact with the child’s teachers and principal about the progress of the child’s education.
* To reinforce at home the importance of acquiring the knowledge, skills, and values needed to function effectively in society.
* To volunteer time, skill, or resources when needed and possible.
* To take part in school and community programs that empower parents to participate in making educational decisions.
* To hold the child responsible for the work, attendance, and behavior expected for the child’s education.
* To model in one’s own life the behavior one wishes to see in one’s children.
* To treat school personnel with courtesy and respect.