

They are My Kids!™

The Context Document

The Idea Behind the Book, the Nonprofit, the Movement

**“All the forces in the world are not so powerful as an idea whose time has come.” --
*Victor Hugo.***

This idea has come.

Parents have the right and responsibility to teach, nurture, and guide their children to become contributing citizens in society and community. Therefore, parents must have educational freedom to determine how their children grow and develop.

They Are My Kids!™ highlights the importance of how parents play a crucial role in their children's growth, how they guide kids to become contributing members of society, and how they hold a personal responsibility for developing their children.

Let's examine the context behind this. Children do not raise themselves. If parents do not lead in the development of their children, someone else will. The government and institutions will. Culture will. Algorithms will. Peers will. The loudest voice in the room will.

A child without strong parental leadership does not remain unled. That is the line in the sand.

They Are MY Kids! Is not a slogan. It is a declaration of responsibility.

They are not the government's or school district's kids. They are not the culture's kids. They are not the algorithm's kids.

They Are MY Kids.

I am responsible for raising them. I am responsible for teaching them what matters. I am responsible for preparing them for life. I am responsible for helping them become capable, grounded, and contributing adults.

Parents are not secondary participants in a child's development. Parents are primary.

Children learn love, trust, resilience, truth, character, responsibility, and belonging first through family. Long before institutions shape a child, a home shapes a child. That responsibility cannot be outsourced.

Schools have a role. Communities have a role. Mentors have a role. But none of them replace the parent. None of them carry the weight of primary responsibility for the formation of a child. Parents do.

Where do you stand?

They Are My Kids!™ reignites parents with the understanding and confidence that their kids are their responsibility. I (the parent) am responsible for raising my kids. They Are My Kids!™ is a message parents are declaring, “I have the legal right, responsibility, and accountability to raise my children in the manner and methods I choose. I develop my child to thrive in society and contribute to it. I am the leader my child needs.”

When you accept that role, when you choose to lead, when you realize and accept that responsibility and accountability, you are now ready to be a leader in the life of your kids.