

SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The School Board recognizes the importance of having a strong partnership between the school system and the parents/guardians of our students as well as the community at large. It is therefore the policy of the Board to define standards for involvement between the schools, the community, and the parents of all students enrolled in District schools. The Superintendent is directed to implement these standards.

District schools are a welcoming place, clearly accessible to parents/guardians and the community. Communication between home and school is regular, two-way and meaningful. Parents/guardians are full partners in the educational decisions that affect children and families. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to visit their schools for beginning of the year events such as "Open House" and new student orientations. These events will be used to disseminate information on school policies, discipline procedures, assessment tools and school goals.

Opportunities are provided to guide parents/guardians on ways to assist with homework, give feedback to teachers, and how parents can help their children improve skills and perform well on assessments.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend school-sponsored parent workshops to learn about parenting skills, health, safety, nutrition, home environments that support education and other topics of child and adolescent development throughout the year. Reasonable efforts will be made to communicate with parents/guardians in their primary language or in the language in which they feel comfortable. Students and parents/guardians will receive information regarding cultural, recreational, academic, health, social and other resources that serve families within the community.

The support of area businesses, agencies and faith-based organizations will be sought through financial, goods and services, and volunteer contributions. Partnerships will be developed with local organizations, local city and county governments, and talented individuals to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning. Student participation in community service will be encouraged. Business partnerships will also be developed to assist students in the successful transition to employment or further education.

Legal References:

Ed 306.04(a)(11), Community Partnerships

Ed 306.04(k), Community Partnerships

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