

Parent Involvement Policy

The Board believes that the education of children is a shared responsibility, with the parents of the school community. To ensure that the best interests of all children are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school should be maintained. The board will provide the support necessary to implement this plan in order to improve student performance and academic achievement.

The Board feels that it is the parents who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of pupils who have reached the legal age of majority, but are still for all practical purposes under parental authority. During school hours, the Board through its designated administrators, acts in loco parentis or in place of the parents.

The Board directs the following activities:

- Parent Teacher conferences to permit two way communications between home and school with particular attention to parents who may have special needs.
- Open houses in district schools to provide parents with the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty when possible and experience the program on a first hand basis
- Meetings of parents with staff members to discuss relevant matters of interest with regards to students
- Incorporation of parent ideas as appropriate to the development and revision of the parent involvement policy
- Coordination as appropriate with outside programs such as Head Start
- Provide staff development regarding the home-school connection
- For the benefit of the children, the Board believes that the school district has a responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive learning environment that enables children to meet the state's student's academic achievement of standards.

- The Board also believes that parents have a responsibility for supporting their children in the following ways:
 - Encouraging good attendance
 - Monitoring homework completion
 - Participating as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of their children
 - Sending children to school with proper attention to dress code
 - Reading all communications sent home
 - Promoting responsible citizenship by developing a respect for all people
 - Cooperating with the school on the daily implementation of our mission statement