

PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goals of the School District to educate all students effectively, the schools and parents/guardians must work as knowledgeable partners.

Although parents/guardians are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. The School District and schools, in collaboration with the parents/guardians, shall establish and develop programs and practices that enhance parent/guardian involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and families.

To this end, the Board will support the development, implementation and regular evaluation of a parent/guardian involvement program which will involve parents/guardians at all grade levels in a variety of roles. The parent/guardian involvement program will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature and will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Support to parents/guardians as leaders and decision makers in advisory roles.
2. Promotion of clear two-way communication between the school and the family as to school programs and children's progress.
3. Assistance to parents/guardians to develop parenting skills to foster positive relationships at home that support children's efforts and provide techniques designed to assist their children with learning at home.
4. Involvement of parents/guardians with appropriate training in instructional and support roles at the school.
5. Provisions of access to and coordination of community and support services for children and families.

These forms of involvement are not mutually exclusive and require a coordinated effort.

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