

PARENT INVOLVEMENTParent Involvement

The Board of Education believes that the education of children is a cooperative effort among the parents, school, and community. In this policy the word "parent" also includes guardians and other family members involved in supervising the child's schooling.

We believe as research demonstrates, that increased parent involvement improves student achievement. Parent involvement initiatives in the school system will be flexible and creative, promote effective two- way communication, and offer opportunities for all parents to participate. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all district staff.

Further, the Board of Education believes that the administration must take whatever steps are necessary to facilitate a broad variety of opportunities for parents to connect frequently with schools in which their children are enrolled, and with the overall system. Each option should:

- Encourage strong home-based partnerships;
- Provide for consistent and effective communication between the parents and school officials;
- Offer parents ways to assist and encourage their children to do their best;
- Offer ways parents can support classroom learning activities; and
- Provide opportunities for parents to have a voice in the planning and decision-making at both the school and district level.

In order to afford all parents opportunities for involvement in the educational process, activities and the scheduling of those activities must take into account the needs of working parents.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures as amended by P.A. 97-290.