

## 9230 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the school community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement in district concerns encouraged.

The Board recognizes the vital role of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the welfare and education of their children and the pivotal part they play in shaping character and values. Because parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are familiar with the needs, problems, gifts and abilities of their children, staff should seek to involve parent(s) or legal guardian(s) as much as possible in the planning of the individual program. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must, by law, be included in the development of certain educational programs for their children.

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in factors in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are specifically requested to inform the school of any changes in legal custody of the child.

The following are among the responsibilities parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have to the schools:

- A. Be responsible for their child's punctuality, attendance, cleanliness and propriety of dress;
- B. Support the schools in requiring pupils to observe all school rules and regulations and accepting responsibility for any willful misbehavior on their part;
- C. Maintain an active interest in the pupil's daily work. Make it possible for them to complete assigned homework, particularly by providing a quiet place and suitable conditions for study; and
- D. Comply with the school's requests. This includes reading carefully all communications and, if necessary, signing and returning them as requested.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These regulations shall include use of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)' native language when necessary.

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