

Alum Rock Union ESD | BP 6020 Instruction

Parent Involvement

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)

(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

Access to Communication Services

Parent engagement within the school must be meaningful and effective to positively impact student achievement. Communication among parents, teachers, and administration is a critical component in the understanding and supporting the reciprocal needs and expectations of the classroom and a student's family. To open channels of communication and strengthen school/teacher/family relationships, the district invites parents and guardians to Back to School Nights annually and Parent-Teacher Conferences (1-2 times a year). Communication between the school/teacher/family is critical to the academic success of all students. In an effort to increase parent involvement the Alum Rock School District will offer translation and interpretation services to those families where a language barrier that impedes parent engagement exists. Awareness for obtaining communication services shall be uniform across all schools in the Alum Rock School District. Protocols and procedures will be distributed to all schools and available on the website.

District Administration shall communicate translation/interpretation services available to our families on a yearly basis. They will also identify the adequate resources, training and standard protocols necessary to meet the demographic needs of the district community.

Parent involvement in the education process is fundamental to a healthy system of public education and that family involvement at home and at school in the education of children results in improved pupil achievement.

Therefore, the district believes it is every family and guardian's obligation and responsibility to volunteer at least 30 hours per year at the student's school site, of which 10 of those hours should include volunteer time to the student's classroom.

Administration shall prepare an Administrative Regulation implementing this policy which shall include that each school site shall provide a copy of the above policy to each family or guardian of each district student no later than the tenth (10th) school day of each school year, with appropriate space for the signature of each parent or guardian to sign and acknowledge receipt of this policy, and direction to return the signed copy to the student's classroom teacher. The Superintendent or designee shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in district and school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and school staff on the adequacy of parent involvement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

Title I Schools

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall identify specific objectives of the district's parent involvement program for schools that receive Title I funding. He/she shall ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parent involvement program. (Education Code 11503)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's parent involvement strategies are jointly developed with and agreed upon by parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. Those strategies shall establish expectations for parent involvement and describe how the district will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318. (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians of participating students in the planning and implementation of parent involvement programs, activities, and regulations. He/she also shall involve parents/guardians of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent involvement activities. (20 USC 6318)

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent involvement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

64001 Single plan for student achievement

LABOR CODE

230.8 Time off to visit child's school

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Parental notice of teacher qualifications and student achievement

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6316 School improvement

6318 Parent involvement

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Parent Involvement: Development of Effective and Legally Compliant Policies, Governance and Policy Services
Policy Briefs, August 2006

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

89-01 Parent Involvement in the Education of Their Children, rev. 1994

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE

Parental Involvement: Title I, Part A, April 23, 2004

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Family, School, Community Partnerships: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/lr/pf>

California Parent Center: <http://parent.sdsu.edu>

California State PTA: <http://www.capta.org>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National PTA: <http://www.pta.org>

No Child Left Behind: <http://www.ed.gov/nclb>

Parent Information and Resource Centers: <http://www.pirc-info.net>

Parents as Teachers National Center: <http://www.parentsasteachers.org>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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