

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

2010

2010.01 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

While legal authority for forming educational policies is the responsibility of the Board of Education, the Board and the Superintendent recognize that participation by the community is very important.

Community members may become involved in the Parent-Teacher Association, Booster Clubs, Civic Clubs, and other worthwhile groups, and will have the opportunity to impact the direction of the schools by their participation in those groups. Further, individuals may also express their opinion before the Board at its official meeting. The procedure to appear before the Board is as stated in 1020.06 of the Board Policies.

School staff should encourage lay participation in cooperative planning in order to develop understanding of all aspects of the school program. Many opportunities exist for lay participants of school committees and school-based decision-making councils.

2010.02 COMMUNICATIONS

Communications involving a specific school shall be directed to the Principal of the school. Concerned citizens should seek resolution at the school level first. No materials may be distributed in or at any school without the permission of the Principal subject to the approval of the Superintendent and Board of Education.

2010.03 MEDIA

The Board and the Superintendent will cooperate at all times with radio, television, newspaper, community organizations and citizens to inform them about the schools. The Chairman will be the spokesman for the Board; the Superintendent, or his/her designee, will be the spokesman for the school district. The District will strive to promptly provide as much information about a situation as is reasonably and legally possible. Confidential information about a student or staff member or which is contained in a student's cumulative file or staff's personnel file will not be released without permission or a legally authorized subpoena or court order.

2010.04 PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Oldham County Board of Education, believes in keeping the community informed concerning its program and school services. Each school shall use its administrative and support groups to provide positive information about the school.