

ARTICLE III. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Section 2. Family Involvement.

Parent and family involvement within the schools is necessary to develop shared educational goals, and to have a positive effect on student learning for all learners. Educational research has shown that strong partnerships between home and school lead to higher levels of achievement. Parents and families are encouraged to provide input through district committees, parent-teacher organizations, school improvement teams, and other committees regarding matters of interest to students and families. Parents and families are also encouraged to visit their child's school and participate in school activities.

References to "parent" or "parents" in these policies shall be understood to include a student's legal guardian, unless the policies or their context clearly indicate otherwise.

District teachers and administrators will strive to encourage family involvement through:

Effective Means of Communication, by facilitating open and ongoing communication between home and school; providing information and resources to families regarding safety, proper health and wellbeing; ensuring accessibility to information about District programs and policies; providing accurate and timely information regarding State and local academic standards and assessments; and engaging families in monitoring student growth and progress reports.

Facilitating Volunteering, by creating volunteer opportunities for parents and families to participate in and contribute to school activities and encouraging family participation in volunteer activities; and

Community Collaboration, by integrating programs, activities and events that support and encourage family involvement and their participation in their child's educational growth and development; and supporting parents and students in the educational process through referrals to community resources or agencies that support the district's mission.