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PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

The Douglas County School District recognizes that parent and family involvement is essential to academic achievement. The term "parent" refers to any caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for students. Although parents come to our schools with diverse cultural backgrounds, primary languages, and needs, we assume they share a common interest in an excellent education for their children. School personnel, in collaboration with students, parents, and families, must establish and develop programs and opportunities that enhance parent and family involvement and reflect the needs of all involved.

Douglas County School District staff members are always willing to talk to any parent or family who has a concern regarding the educational process in our education system and the educational success of their child. The Board of Trustees encourages parents to make such contacts. Only through families and schools working together can a child's full educational potential be achieved.

To enhance and maximize family-school partnerships, the following elements are considered essential and will be promoted at each school:

- Welcoming all families into the school community by ensuring a positive educational environment is established for all students and their families by treating them in respectful and culturally sensitive ways.
- Communicating effectively, in providing a two-way communication structure for meaningful dialog about student learning and providing communication that is accessible and easy to understand.
- Supporting student success by continuous, individualized, and actionable communication about their child's learning and progress toward goals to aid families in supporting student learning at home.
- Speaking up for every child by empowering families with the tools, resources, and assistance to navigate complex systems and direct them towards programs that support and enhance student success.
- Sharing responsibility in order to create an equal partnership between parents, families, and the District in making decisions that affect the

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student, as well as bringing parents from diverse cultural backgrounds together to participate in school development.

- Collaborate with the community, providing a conduit for connecting families with programs, resources, and opportunities outside the school to assist in providing vital services and expanding learning activities.

The Douglas County School Board supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a parent and family involvement plan in every school, which will involve families at all grade levels in a variety of roles. The parent and family involvement programs will be comprehensive and coordinated including coordinating the schedule of activities involving students and parents using the following schedule:

Elementary – Thursday nights

Middle School – 1st and 3rd Wednesday night of the calendar month

High School – 2nd and 4th Wednesday night of the calendar month

Major events at each site must be put on a District-wide calendar.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)
[See Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 901](#)
[Code of Honor](#)
[Code of Honor-Spanish](#)
[Education Involvement Accord](#)
[Education Involvement Accord- Spanish](#)

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