



Book	Policy Manual
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### **Purpose**

The Board believes that the education of students is a joint responsibility that is shared by the parents/guardians. To ensure that the best interests of each student are served in the educational process, a strong program of communication and cooperation between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement encouraged.[1]

### **Authority**

The Board feels that it is the parents/guardians who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's behavior in school, including the behavior of students who have reached the legal age of majority but are, for all practical purposes, under parental authority.[2]

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

During school hours, the Board acts *in loco parentis*, or "in place of the parents/guardians", through its designated administrators.[3]

### **Guidelines**

Parents/Guardians are requested to keep the school staff apprised of changes in the home situation that may affect a student's conduct or performance.

The Board directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent-school cooperation:

1. Parent/Teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school.[4]
2. Open houses in District schools to provide parents the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty, and witness school programs.
3. Meetings of parents/guardians and staff members to explain and discuss matters of general

interest.

4. Information describing school activities and operational procedures will be prepared by the responsible administrator and sent home with students.
5. Meetings of staff members and groups of parents/guardians of students having special abilities, disabilities, needs, or problems.
6. Special events of a cultural, ethnic or topical nature that are initiated by parent groups; involve the cooperative effort of students, staff and parents/guardians; and are of general interest to the schools or community.

The Board believes that parents/guardians have a responsibility to support and encourage their child's career in school through the following actions:

1. Require that students comply with District policies and school rules and regulations and accept responsibility for in-school behavior.
2. Send students to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness, and dress.
3. Maintain an active interest in the student's daily work and provide appropriate supervision for completion of assigned homework.
4. Read, sign, and return promptly all communications from school, when requested.
5. Attend conferences for the exchange of information on the student's progress in school.[4]
6. Participate in school activities and special functions.

#### Parent-Teacher Organizations

The Board encourages the organization and supports the activity of parent/teacher organizations in our schools. Administrators and teachers are urged to cooperate with parent-teacher organizations through their officers in order to develop a closer relationship and better understanding between parents/guardians, teachers, and students. Such organizations are considered to be advisory in nature. The Board welcomes suggestions from the organization for the improvement of the school program.

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1. Pol. 917
2. Pol. 235
- [3. 24 P.S. 1317](#)
4. Pol. 212