The board recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children and in the schools. The board directs school administrators to develop programs that will promote and support parental involvement in student learning and achievement at school and at home and encourage successful progress toward graduation. Each parent is encouraged to learn about the educational program, the educational goals and objectives of the district and his or her own child's progress. The board also encourages parents to participate in activities designed by school personnel to involve them, such as parent conferences, in order to encourage effective communication.

The board directs each principal or designee to develop a parental involvement plan as a part of the school improvement plan. This plan must include, at a minimum, efforts that meet the requirements established in this policy. In addition, the plan must include ways to enhance parental involvement in the following areas:

1. meaningful two-way communication between home and school;

2. promotion of responsible parenting;

3. involving parents and guardians in student learning;

4. promotion of volunteering;

5. involving parents and guardians in school's decisions that affect children and families;

6. parental training;

7. community collaboration; and

8. promotion of student health awareness

This policy applies to the parents, legal guardians and legal custodians of students who are under 18 years old and are not married.

## A. PARENT COMMUNICATION AND CONFERENCES

The board encourages regular contact with parents by school personnel for commendation as well as for notification of concerns. Principals or designees shall plan for periodic communications with parents. Teachers are responsible for scheduling conferences with parents.

The principal or designee shall provide the parent of an at-risk student with a copy of the student's personal education plan in accordance with policy 3405, Students at Risk of Academic Failure. Parents should be included in the implementation and ongoing review of their child's personal education plan.

The principal or designee shall provide the parent of each student in kindergarten, first or second grade with written notification of the student's reading progress. The notice will be provided three times a year, following each benchmark assessment and will include: (1) assessment results, (2) whether the child may not reach reading proficiency by the end of third grade; and (3) instructional support activities for use at home.

The board encourages the superintendent to work with local business leaders, including the local chambers of commerce, to encourage employers to adopt as part of their stated personnel policies time for employees who are parents or guardians to attend conferences with their child's teachers.

## B. ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Each principal or designee of a Title I school shall effectively notify parents of all parental rights and other required information regarding Title I schools and programs, in accordance with federal law. Parents of student in Title I schools shall receive a copy of the system-wide parent involvement plan.

In addition, annually every building principal or designee shall effectively notify parents of the following:

1. parental rights related to student records (see policy 4700, Student Records);

2. parental rights related to student surveys (see policy 4720, Surveys of Students);

3. the approximate dates of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is:
(a) required as a condition of attendance; (b) administered and scheduled in advance by the school administration and (c) not necessary ; to protect the immediate health and safety of students;

4. the schedule of pesticide use on school property and their right to request notification of nonscheduled pesticide use (see policy 9205, Pest Management);

5. student behavior policies, the Code of Student Conduct and school standards and rules (see policies in the 4300 series);

6. permissible use of seclusion and restraint in the schools (see regulation 4302-R, Rules for Use of Seclusion and Restraint in Schools);

7. policy 1720/4015/7225, Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure

8. policy 1740/4010, Student and Parent Grievance Procedure;

9. the dates of the system-wide and state-mandated tests that students will be required to take during that school year, how the results from the tests will be used and the consequences thereof, and whether each test is required by the State Board of Education or by the local school board.

10. grading practices that will be followed at the school and, for parents of high school students, the means for computing the grade point averages that will be used for determining class rank (see policies 3400, Evaluation of Student Progress and 3450, Class Rankings);

11. available opportunities and the enrollment process for students to take advanced courses and information explaining the value of taking advanced courses);

12. a report containing aggregate information, including, but not limited to student achievement (disaggregated by category), graduation rates, performance of the school system and teacher qualifications;

13. the grade awarded to the school on the most recent annual report card issued for it by the State Board of Education if the school received a grade of D or F.

14. supportive services available to students, including guidance, counseling, and health services (see policy 3610, Counseling Program);

15. information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza, including the causes, the symptoms, the vaccines, how the diseases are spread and places where additional information and vaccinations may be obtained;

16. for parents of students in grades 5 through 12, information about cervical

cancer, cervical dysplasia, and human papillomavirus, including the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and places parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children

17. how to reach school officials in emergency situations during non-school hours;

18. information about and an application form for free and reduced price meals and/or free milk (see policy 6225, Free and Reduced Price Food Services);

19. information about the school breakfast program;

20. information about the availability and location of free summer food service program meals for students when school is not in session.

21. for parents of children with disabilities, procedural safeguards (see also policy 1730/4022/7231, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities);

22. information on the availability of the asbestos management plan and planned or in-progress inspections, re-inspections, response actions and post-response actions, including periodic re-inspection and surveillance activities;

23. education rights of homeless students (see policy 4125, Homeless Students);

24. the content and implementation of the local school wellness policy (see policy 6140, Student Wellness);

25. their right to take four hours of leave from their jobs every year in order to volunteer in their child's school as stated in G.S. 95-28.3 (see policy 5015, School Volunteers);

26. that the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or age (see policies 1710/4021/7230, Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying and 1730/4022/7231, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities; and

27. that the school system provides equal access to its facilities, programs and activities to Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups (see policy 1710/4021/7230, Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying); and

28. the availability of and the process for requesting a waiver or reduction of student fees (see policy 4600, Student Fees).

## D. OPPORTUNITIES TO WITHHOLD CONSENT/OPT OUT

As a part of the annual notification described above, parents will be effectively notified that parental consent may be withheld for the following:

1. student's participation in programs or services providing information about where to obtain contraceptives or abortion referral services;

2. release of student directory information about his or her child for school purposes or to outside organizations (see policy 4700, Student Records);

3. release of their child's name, address and telephone listing to military recruiters or institutions of higher education (see policy 4700, Student Records);.

4 their child's participation in curricula related to (a) prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV and reproductive health and safety education, as provided in policy 3540.
A copy of material that will be used in these curricula will be available in the school media center during the school year and other times that the media center is available to the public. To meet any review periods required by law, materials also may be made available for review in the central office;

5. their child's participation in academic or career guidance or personal or social counseling services of a generic nature offered to groups of students (e.g., peer relations strategies offered to all sixth graders). However, parental notification and permission are not required for: (a) short-duration academic, career, personal or social guidance and counseling and crisis intervention that is needed to maintain order, discipline or a productive learning environment; (b) student-initiated individual or group counseling targeted at a student's specific concerns or needs; or (c) counseling if child abuse or neglect is suspected. (see policies 3610, Counseling Program, and 4240/7312, Child Abuse- Reports and Investigations);

6. their child's participation in non-Department of Education—funded surveys concerning protected topics (see policy 4720, Surveys of Students);

7. their child's participation in any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is: (a) required as a condition of attendance; (b) administered and scheduled in advance by the school administration; and (c) not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of students;

8 the collection, disclosure or use of their child's personal information for marketing purposes (see policy 4720, Surveys of Students); and

9. release of their child's free and reduced-price meal information to State Medicaid or State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

Any parent or legal guardian wishing to withhold consent must do so in writing after receiving notice. Otherwise, consent to the programs or activities is presumed. After the annual notification, the school is not required to provide further notice to the parent as to the manner in which student directory information is used, the curriculum is provided, or the guidance programs are made available.

## D. PARENTAL PERMISSION REQUIRED

Written parental permission is required prior to the following activities:

1. administrations of medications to students by employees of the school system (see policy 6125, Administering Medicines to Students);

2. release of student records that are not considered directory information, unless the release is allowed or required by law (see policy 4700, Student Records);

3. off campus trips;

4. student's participation in high-impact or high-risk sports or extracurricular activities, such as football or mountain climbing (see policy 4220, Student Insurance Program);

5. all decisions or actions as required by the IDEA with regard to providing special education or related services to children with disabilities (see policy

3520, Special Education Programs/Rights of Students with Disabilities);

6. certain health services, as required by law;

7. student's participating in surveys funded by the Department of Education that are conducted concerning protected topics (see policy 4720 Surveys of Students);

8 disclosure of a student's free and reduced price lunch eligibility information or eligibility status; and .

9 disclosure of the identity of any student receiving supplemental education services under the Title I program.

Legal Reference: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, 20 U.S. C. 6301 *et seq.,* 34 C.F.R. pt. 200; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g , 34 C.F.R. pt. 99; Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. 1232h, 34 C.F.R. pt. 98; Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400, *et seq.*; Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, 15 U.S.C. 2341, *et seq*.; McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431, *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 1758, 7 C.F.R. pt. 245; 42 U.S.C. 1758b; National School Lunch Program, 42 U.S.C. 1751 *et seq.,* 7 C.F.R. 210, 12; Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 7905, 34 C.F.R. 108.9; 20 U.S.C. 7908; G.S. 90-21.1; 95-28.3; 115C-47 (47), -47(51), -47(54), -81(el), -83.4A(d), -105.41, -109.1, -307(c), -375.4, -390.2, -391.1, -407.16; U.S. C. 6318; 34 C.F.R. 200.37, -200.39, G.S. 90-21.1, 115C-47(47), -47(51), -81(el); State Board of Education Policy FCB-A-000, GCS-A-001,GCS-J-002

Cross Reference: Title I Parent Involvement (policy 1320/3560), Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (policy 1710/4021/7230), Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure (policy 1720/4015/7225), Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities (policy 1730/4022/7231), Student and Parent Grievance Procedure (policy 1740/4010), Evaluation of Student Progress (policy 3400), Students at Risk of Academic Failure (policy 3405), Evaluation of Student Progress (policy 3400), Class Rankings (policy 3450), Special Education Programs/Rights of Disabled Students (policy 3520), Comprehensive Health Education Program (policy 3540), Counseling Program (policy 3610), Homeless Students (policy 4125), Student Insurance Program (policy 4220), Child Abuse - Reports and Investigations (policy 4240/7312), Student Behavior Policies (4300 series), School Plan for Management of Student Behavior (policy 4302) Student Records (policy 4700), Surveys of Students (policy 4720), School Volunteers (policy 5015), Registered Sex Offenders (policy 5022), Administering Medicines to Students (policy 6125), Student Wellness (policy 6140), Free and Reduced Price Food Services (policy 6225), Pest

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