

RANCHO SANTA FE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 6020: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT RIGHTS

- A. This Policy implements Education Code sections 51100 and 51101 adopted by the Legislature in 1998.
- B. Parents and guardians, including parents who lack English fluency, will have the following rights to:
 - 1. Within a reasonable period of time following making the request, to observe the classroom or classrooms in which their child is enrolled for the purpose of selecting the school in which their child will be enrolled in accordance with the requirements of any inter-district pupil attendance policies or programs;
 - 2. Within a reasonable time of their request, to meet with their child's teacher or teachers and the principal of the school in which their child is enrolled;
 - 3. Volunteer their time and resources for the improvement of school facilities and school programs under the supervision of District employees including, but not limited to providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision of the teacher. Although volunteer parents may assist with instruction, primary instructional responsibility will remain with the teacher.
 - 4. Be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission;
 - 5. Receive the results of their child's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests and information on the performance of the school that their child attends on standardized statewide tests as well as on English language development tests;
 - 6. Have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning;
 - 7. Examine the curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled;
 - 8. Be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child;
 - 9. Have access to the school records of their child;

10. Receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish;
11. Be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures pursuant to Education Code section 35291, attendance, retention, and promotion policies pursuant to Education Code section 48070.5, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school;
12. Receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test;
13. Participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, school site council, or site-based management leadership team, in accordance with any rules and regulations governing membership in these organizations.
14. Question anything in their child's record that the parent feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy, and to receive a response from the school in accordance with the requirements of District policy;
15. Be notified as early in the school year as practicable pursuant to Education Code section 48070.5 if their child is identified as being at risk of retention and of their right to consult with school personnel responsible for a decision to promote or retain their child, and appeal a decision to retain or promote their child.
16. Be informed about statewide and local academic standards, testing programs, accountability measures, and school improvement efforts.

B. In addition to the rights described in paragraph A of this Policy, parents and guardians of pupils, including those parents and guardians whose primary language is not English, have the opportunity to develop jointly a policy that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

The means by which the school and parents or guardians of pupils may help pupils to achieve academic and other standards of the school;

A description of the school's responsibility to provide a high quality curriculum and instructional program in a supporting and effective learning environment that enables all pupils to meet the academic expectations of the school;

The manner in which the parents and guardians of pupils may support the learning environment of their children including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Monitoring the attendance of their children;
 - b. Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on a timely basis;
 - c. Participation of their children in extracurricular activities;
 - d. Monitoring and regulating the television viewed by their children;
 - e. Working with their children at home in learning activities that extend learning in the classroom;
 - f. Volunteering in their children's classrooms, or for other activities at the school;
 - g. Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their own child or the total school program.
- C. Nothing in this Policy may be construed to authorize a school to inform a parent or guardian as provided herein, or to permit participation by a parent or guardian in the education of a child, if it conflicts with a valid restraining order, protective order, or order for custody or visitation issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- D. The District will take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that all parents and guardians of pupils who speak a language other than English are notified in English and in their home language of any required notifications, rights and opportunities for a parent or guardian who lacks English fluency, including, but not limited to:
- Be given any required written notification, under any applicable law, in English and the pupil's home language pursuant to Education Code section 48985;
 - Support their children's advancement toward literacy both in English and, to the extent possible, in the child's home language.

Legal Reference:

Education Code sections 35291, 48070.5, 48985, 51100, 51101, 51101.1

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