

Community Relations

Community Education

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the framework for providing community education programs and services to members of the community within the vision and mission of the school district.

II. General Statement of Policy

The Community Education program of the Edina Public Schools strives to serve the entire Edina community in responding to educational, recreational, cultural, and social needs. It serves as a catalyst for developing individual potential, solving community problems, increasing a positive sense of community, connecting community to the schools, and improving community living. Through Community Education programs, the school district administration strives to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximize the use of district facilities by the community when not in use for regularly scheduled early learning, elementary, and secondary programs;
- B. Use the educational needs and the interests of the community to guide the development of a vibrant, well-rounded community education program;
- C. Encourage residents and non-residents to participate actively in program opportunities;
- D. Collaborate with personnel whose primary responsibilities are in the K-12 program and integrate services;
- E. Build strong district and community partnerships;
- F. Assist in developing interagency coordination and cooperation; and
- G. Involve community members in evaluating and creating program and service opportunities.

III. Community Education Advisory Council

- A. The advisory council assists in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.

- B. Advisory council membership consists of members who represent the community's various service organizations; faith community; public and nonpublic schools; local government; public and private nonprofit agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; city parks and recreation; and other interested citizens.
- C. Bylaws of the advisory council will provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate.
- D. The advisory council strives to reduce and eliminate program duplication within the district.

IV. Community Education Financing

The financing of the Community Education program is the responsibility of the school board. Community Education programs have equal status and consideration for funding and space with other instructional programs of the school district.

Legal References:

- Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Uses for School and Nonschool Purposes; Closings)
- Minn. Stat. § 124D.18 (Purpose of Community Education Programs)
- Minn. Stat. § 124D.19 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)
- Minn. Stat. § 124D.20 (Community Education Revenue)

Cross References:

- Policy 110 (Decision Making Process)
- Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)
- Edina Community Education Services Board Structure and Bylaws (2021, or as subsequently amended)

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