



Capital School District

Board of Education Policy

Section: Administration
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Purpose:

The Capital School District Board of Education recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period a child spends in school. To support the goal of the school district to effectively educate all students, it is essential that our schools and families work as knowledgeable partners.

The Capital School District is committed to increasing opportunities for families to be more involved in their children's learning at school and at home and to use family – school – community partnerships to strengthen schools and improve student achievement. This commitment includes inviting those involved in parenting children to be participants in developing educational initiatives at the school, administrative, and board levels. The commitment also extends to the development of a district wide parent engagement plan. The plan will provide the support of a district parent coordinator who will enhance parent involvement initiatives while recognizing the diversity of needs and challenges of families represented within each school. The plan will incorporate strategies that will:

- Improve communication between home and school.
- Assist families in defining and executing their roles and responsibilities in the education process.
- Create a school climate and structures to support families feeling welcomed and valued.
- Construct school partnerships and outreach activities with families and community groups.
- Partner with community organizations that will support parent involvement efforts and help reinforce the value of parent involvement.
- Inform families of existing opportunities for involvement in the schools and how they can pursue getting involved in these activities.
- Encourage and increase family participation in school sponsored activities and improvement efforts.
- Provide staff with the tools to reach out to families.

To this end, the Board of Education pledges its support to encourage and acknowledge active family involvement in the schools for Capital School District.