

Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

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PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Trustees recognizes that meaningful parent and family involvement is essential to student learning, academic achievement, and student well-being. The purpose of this policy is to establish the Board's expectations for parent and family involvement in all District schools and programs. For purposes of this policy, "parent" includes a parent, guardian, or other caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for a student. School personnel, in collaboration with students, parents, and families, shall establish and maintain programs and opportunities that enhance parent and family involvement and reflect the needs of the District's diverse school communities.

District staff shall provide families with meaningful opportunities for two-way communication regarding the educational process and the educational success of their children. The Board encourages active communication and collaboration between families and schools. Only through families and schools working together can a child's full educational potential be achieved.

To enhance and maximize family-school partnerships, the following elements are considered essential and will be promoted at each school:

- Welcoming all families into the school community by establishing a positive, respectful, and culturally responsive environment for all students and their families.
- Communicating effectively by providing ongoing, individualized, and actionable information about a child's learning and progress toward goals and by helping families support learning at home.
- Supporting student success by continuous, individualized, and actionable communication about their child's learning and progress toward goals to aid families in supporting student learning at home.
- Speaking up for every child by empowering families with tools, resources, and assistance to navigate school systems and access programs that support student success.
- Sharing responsibility by engaging parents and families as partners in decisions that affect students by encouraging participation from families of diverse cultural backgrounds in school development.

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- Collaborating with the community by connecting families with programs, resources, and opportunities that provide vital services and expanding learning opportunities.

The Board supports and expects the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a written parent and family involvement plan in every school, involving families at all grade levels in a variety of roles. Each school plan shall align with this policy, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 901, and, where applicable, federal parent and family engagement requirements. Parent and family involvement programs shall be comprehensive and coordinated and shall include regular, accessible opportunities for families to participate in school activities and events, as provided in Administrative Regulation 226.

Major events at each site shall be included on the District-wide calendar in accordance with Administrative Regulation 226.

[See Administrative Regulation 226 – Parent and Family Involvement.](#)
[See Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 901](#)

[Replaces Douglas County School District Board Policies 906 and 910](#)

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