

Series 1000 – Community Relations

1. Communication with the Public

A. Media Communication

(1) Parent Involvement

Building Principals shall advocate effective, comprehensive family involvement in education which will promote parents(s)/guardian(s) becoming active partners in education. Principals shall, annually provide a written report to the Superintendent on parental involvement programs and efforts in their buildings.

The following are examples of parental involvement programs for principals to consider. This list will be updated as new ideas for involving parents are generated.

1. **Keep parent(s)/guardian(s) thoroughly informed about their child’s school and educations.**
 - Develop and distribute a comprehensive student handbook.
 - Distribute information to parent(s)/guardian(s) on their school visitation rights.
 - Open houses
 - Parent-teacher conferences
 - Home visits
 - Progress reporting and report cards
 - Newsletter (monthly)
 - Financial Aid night
2. **Encourage involvement in their child’s school and education.**
 - Support and encourage parent volunteer opportunities
 - Work with the PTA to promote parent volunteer opportunities
3. **Establish effective two-way communication between all parents/guardians and the Board of Education and district personnel.**
 - Monthly principal coffees
 - Work with PTA leadership to ensure parental input
 - Train personnel on how to collaborate effectively with families with diverse backgrounds, including backgrounds that might impede parental participation (e.g. illiteracy or language difficulty)
4. **Seek the advice of parent(s)/guardian(s) on school governance issues and methods to fulfill the district’s educational mission.**
 - Work with the PTA leadership to ensure parental input
 - Establish a school-community advisory committee to identify, consider, and discuss educational problems and issues.

5. Inform parents/guardians on how they can assist their children's learning.

- Provide information to parent(s)/guardian(s) on how they can help children learn, including activities that are related to classroom activities.
- Provide programs on how to establish a home environment which supports learning and appropriate behavior.
- Homework hotline

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