

Community Relations

Parent Involvement

The Board of Education recognizes that the academic, emotional and social growth of a child requires a cooperative effort among the school, family and community members. The Board of Education believes that family involvement in a child's learning significantly improves that child's chances for success in school and throughout life. The closer connections of parents and others responsible for the home care of the children with our schools can result in enhanced academic performance, improved behavior and reduced absenteeism.

The Superintendent shall take appropriate steps to facilitate a broad variety of opportunities for families and community members to frequently connect with their children's schools and with the school system as a whole. These steps shall include:

- Parenting skills should be promoted and supported
- Communication between home and school should be regular, two-way and meaningful. (Such communication may include monthly newsletters, required regular contact with all parents, two flexible parent-teacher conferences for each school year, drop in hours for parents, and use of technology.
- Parents should play an integral role in assisting student learning.
- Parents should be welcome in every school and their support and assistance sought.
- Parent input should be sought regarding decisions that affect children and families.
- Community resources should be made available to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning.

Each school shall offer and promote varied, age-appropriate opportunities for participation by members of the school community. Topics for programs may include, but are not limited to, learning at home, parenting, communicating, shared decision-making, community collaboration and volunteering.

cf: 1100 - Communication with the public
1312 - Public Complaints

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-221 Board of Education Prescribed Rules, Policies and Procedures as amended by P.A. 10-111, An Act Concerning Education Reform in Connecticut
Policies and Procedures as amended by P.A. 97-290

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