

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Education believes that positive parental involvement is essential to student achievement, and thus encourages such involvement in school educational planning and operations. Parental involvement may take place either in the classroom or during extra-curricular activities. However, the Board also encourages parental involvement at home (e.g., planned home reading time, informal learning activities, and/or homework "contracts" between parents and children). The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to use the district communications program in an effort to encourage all forms of parental involvement.

To assure compliance with federal Chapter I guidelines, the Board further directs the administration to implement programs, activities and procedures to achieve parental involvement in planning, designing and implementing such programs. To this end, the district will send information to parents of the reasons, objectives and methods of the program; provide training opportunities for parents to Work with their children at home; convene an annual meeting for parents of participating students, and utilize such parents as volunteers or paid classroom helpers. Parent notification correspondence will be provided in the language understandable to the parents.

In addition, the Board directs the Superintendent to establish a parent resource center whose purpose is to provide parents with handbooks, training, and at-home assistance; and to coordinate a home learning program. The Board encourages the development of special programs which encourage the involvement of illiterate or semiliterate parents. The center should have flexible hours to accommodate parents' working schedules.

All such programs are intended to strengthen the relationship between home and school.

Cross-ref: 1100, Public Information Program
 4010, Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials
 4325, Compensatory Education
 4712, Student Progress Reports to Parents
 6231, Chapter I/PSEN Programs and Services

Ref: 20 U.S.C. 2726;2731 (a) (4)
 34 CFR 200.4; 200.34
 8 NYCRR§§ 100.3 (b)(3); 100.4 (f); 100.5(d)(4); 149.3 (16)

Note: Policy suggested

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