

AP 1106: Parent Involvement in Education

Background

The District recognizes that the most effective education for students occurs when parents are active partners in the learning process.

The District values the needs, interests and perspectives expressed by parents. The District supports parental involvement and encourages parents to participate in opportunities that will foster a positive school climate and enrich students' learning experiences.

School staff and parents must work together as knowledgeable partners. Such collaborative partnerships provide an atmosphere of teamwork which, motivates, supports and encourages children to become lifelong learners and valuable contributors to society.

Continued parental involvement in the education of children/youth, throughout all grade levels, contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.

Parents have the right and responsibility to participate in the process of determining the educational goals, policies and services provided for their children. They have the primary responsibility to ensure that children are provided with the healthy and supportive environment necessary for learning.

Procedures:

1. The District believes that active parent involvement includes but is not limited to:
 - 1.1. Serving as responsible advocates for their child's educational needs.
 - 1.2. Participating in classroom activities and school-related activities, functions and events.
 - 1.3. Participating in the activities of Parents Advisory Councils and other school-related advisory and governance activities.
 - 1.4. Working cooperatively with the school to solve problems and to create positive, productive learning environments both at home and at school.
 - 1.5. Supporting the school in instilling an appreciation for the value of education and a sense of individual responsibility for learning and achievement.
 - 1.6. Preparing a child for school and monitoring and responding to school-related responsibilities.
 - 1.7. Staying current with the school's communication.
2. The District will encourage, support and promote parent involvement through:

- 2.1. Providing a welcoming and open atmosphere at all schools.
 - 2.2. Promoting effective communication between school and home.
 - 2.3. Providing opportunities for parent involvement in their child's education, and in the life of the school community, in a variety of ways - before, during and after school.
 - 2.4. Developing, implementing and assessing parent involvement programs at all grade levels.
 - 2.5. Supporting parent education opportunities to promote effective parenting.
3. Effective parent involvement is based on good practice. Long-lasting gains for students occur when parent involvement activities are well-planned, inclusive and comprehensive, at all grade levels.