

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been adopted to encourage parental and family involvement with the school. This policy reflects the input of parents. It is to be updated annually and distributed to parents and family members in an understandable and uniform format. Given this policy, the following policies, rules, and regulations shall apply:

1. In the event any parent has a complaint or objection to any instructional materials, the procedures of Policy 606.03 shall be followed. Parents shall be provided, upon request, a listing of textbooks, standardized tests, and copyrighted curriculum materials that will be used with reference to their child during the current or upcoming year. Teachers shall also, upon request, discuss curriculum and the use of presentations by non-district personnel planned for the student with the parents.
2. It shall be the practice of the District, upon reasonable advance request by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities, to permit such parents to be in attendance at such activities, unless such attendance would substantially interfere with a legitimate school interest. (See Board of Education Policy 1005.07 and 1005.08). Notice of field trips shall be provided according to the provisions of Administrative Rule 607.05.
3. It shall be the practice of the District to encourage communications from parents concerning when they believe it to be appropriate for their child to be excused from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences that the parents may find objectionable. Provisions for such may be found under Policy 504.01.
4. At the beginning of each school year, if the District receives Title I funding, the District shall notify parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I funds that the parents may request, and the District will provide the parents on request, and in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including at a minimum, the following:
 - (A) Whether the student's teacher –
 - (1) has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - (2) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - (3) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

(B) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

5. At the beginning of each school year, if the District receives Title I funding, the District shall notify parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I funds that the parents may request, and the District will provide the parents on request, and in a timely manner, information regarding any State or District-wide assessments, including the District's policy and procedure on the parental right to opt the child out of such assessment(s). The District shall also make widely available through public means (including by posting in a clear and easily accessible manner on the District's website) information on each State or District-wide assessment, including: the subject to be assessed; the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used; the source of the requirement for the assessment; the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment; the schedule for the assessment; and the time and format for disseminating results.
6. Parents and family members of all students are welcomed and encouraged to become involved with their child's school and education; this includes parents and family members that have limited English proficiency, limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, have disabilities, racial, or ethnic minority background or are migratory children. The District will also inform parents of opportunities to participate in various school programs as set forth in the ESSA, in a language the parents can understand.
7. It shall be the practice of the District to provide full access to the records of students to parents, all as set forth in P.L. 79-2, 104, the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act, other applicable law, and the provisions of Board of Education Policy 507.01, during regular business hours of the school.
8. It shall be the practice of the District to notify the parents of any student who may be subjected to a standard norm-referenced and to notify the parents, when reasonable to do so, where a sample of such test might be observed and the date upon which such test will be administered. As to all testing by the District, experimental evaluation methodologies, experimental testing instruments, and any testing instrument which would tend to inquire into the values, beliefs, or privacy rights of any student shall be prohibited unless the parents consent in writing that such tests be administered to their child.

9. Prior to any school-sponsored survey being administered to the students of the District, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent or his/her designee to notify the parents of each student involved in the survey of the nature of the survey, the date and time when such survey shall be administered, and the purpose for which the results of the survey will be used from the school's perspective. Parents may excuse their child from participation in the survey by using the provisions of Policy 504.01.
10. Parents of children attending schools receiving Title I funding are to be involved in the planning, review, evaluation and improvement of the Title I Program, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact at an annual parent meeting.
11. The District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other federal, state and local programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Legal Reference: ESSA

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