

Instruction

Parent Involvement

The Board of Trustees recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that continued parental involvement in the education of children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.

In order to engage parents/guardians positively in their children's education, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff members and parents/guardians at each school:

1. Help parents/guardians develop parenting skills and provide home environments that support their children's academic efforts and their development as responsible members of society
2. Inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning and provide them techniques and strategies that they may use to improve their children's academic success and help their children in learning at home

(cf. 6154 - Homework/Make-Up Work)

3. Initiate consistent and effective two-way communication between the home and school so that parents/guardians may know when and how to help their children in support of classroom learning activities

(cf. 5124 - Communication with Parents/Guardians)

(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)

4. Receive training that fosters effective and culturally sensitive communication with the home, including training on how to communicate with non-English speakers and how to give parents/guardians opportunities to assist in the instructional process both at school and at home

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

5. Encourage parents/guardians to serve as volunteers in the schools, attend student performances and school meetings, and participate in site councils, advisory councils and other activities in which they may undertake governance, advisory and advocacy roles

(cf. 0420 - School Plans/Site Councils)

Parent Involvement (continued)

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parent involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and school staff members on the adequacy of parent involvement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.

Title I Schools

Each year the Superintendent or designee shall identify specific objectives of the district's parent involvement program for schools that receive Title I funding. He/she shall ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parent involvement program (Education Code 11503).

The Superintendent or designee shall consult with parents/guardians of participating students in the planning and implementation of parents involvement programs, activities, and regulations. He/she also shall involve parents/guardians of participating students in decisions regarding how the district's Title I funds will be allotted for parent involvement activities. (20 USC 6318)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school receiving Title I funds develops a school-level parent involvement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the district and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

(cf. 0420.1 - School-Based Program Coordination)

(cf. 0420.3 - School-Based Pupil Motivation and Maintenance Program)

(cf. 0420.5 - School-Based Decision Making)

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)

(cf. 1250 - Visitors/Outsiders)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

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Parent Involvement (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parental involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

64001 Single plan for student achievement

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230.8 Time off to visit child's school

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Parental notice of teacher qualifications and student achievement

6312 Local educational agency plan

4314 School-wide programs

6316 School improvement

6318 Parent involvement

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids, and services

35.106 Communications

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