

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

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- I. The School District and each school principal are encouraged to strengthen family involvement and empowerment in the school. The District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with school improvement, Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title VI, community involvement programs, business partnerships, and other community involvement activities.
- II. The District will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist schools in planning and implementing effective and comprehensive parent involvement and training opportunities, based on the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs, which include the following:
 - A. Communication between home and school is regular, two-way and meaningful.
 - B. Responsible parenting is promoted and supported.
 - C. Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning.
 - D. Parents are welcome in school and their support and assistance are sought.
 - E. Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
 - F. Community resources are utilized to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

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- III. The District will communicate parental choices and responsibilities regarding educational alternatives to parents.
- IV. The District shall develop and distribute a parent guide to successful student achievement. The guide shall contain information that parents need to know about their child's educational progress and how parents can help their child's success in school.
- V. The District will provide professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies through the District professional development plan.
- VI. The District, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for parents with disabilities, parents with limited English proficiency and parents of migratory children to participate in school and parental involvement activities and programs.
- VII. The District will conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy
 - A. To determine the effectiveness of increasing parent participation;
 - B. To identify barriers to greater parent participation; and
 - C. To report the findings to the State Board of Education.
- VIII. The District will use the findings of the evaluations in designing strategies for school improvement and revising, if necessary, the parent involvement policies.

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IX. The District will authorize Title I Schools to purchase food/refreshments for parental involvement activities scheduled during meal times. Food purchases should be reasonable in nature.

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