

## CHAPTER 2.00 – SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

### FAMILY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT 2.261\*

- I. The School District and each school principal are encouraged to strengthen family involvement and family empowerment in the school. The District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with school improvement, Federal Educational Programs, 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 programs, based on the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs, which include:
  - 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.
- III. The District will communicate parental choices and responsibilities to parents and develop procedures for a parent to learn about parental involvement, rights and responsibilities, including:
  - A. Opting the minor child from any portion of the school district's comprehensive health education required under section 1003.42, F.S.;
  - B. Sharing information about school choice options, including controlled open enrollment;
  - C. Exemptions for immunization requirements;
  - D. Reviewing statewide, standardized assessment results;
  - E. Enrollment in gifted or special education programs;

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- F. Inspecting instructional materials and how to object to instructional materials based on their religious or moral beliefs that the material is harmful;
  - G. Accessing information about the district's student progression plan, including policies for promotion, retention and graduation;
  - H. Receiving a school report card and being informed of attendance requirements;
  - I. Accessing information about the state education system, report card requirements, state standards, attendance requirements and instructional materials requirements;
  - J. Participating in parent-teacher associations and organizations;
  - K. Opting out of any district-level data collection effort not required by law to learn about the nature and purpose of clubs and activities offered at the minor child's school
- IV. The District recognizes the fundamental right of parents, as defined by law, to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their minor children. Important information relating to a minor child should not be withheld, either inadvertently or purposefully, from the parent, including information relating to the minor child's health, well-being, and education, while the minor child is in the custody of the school district. Parents have the right to access and review all school records related to the minor child including but not limited to the right to access school safety and discipline incidents as reported pursuant to section 1006.07(7) and (9), F.S.
- V. Upon a parent's direct written request to the Superintendent for any of the information required under section 1014.05, the Superintendent has ten (10) days to provide the information. The parent has the right to appeal directly to the school board if the Superintendent fails to respond or provide the information within ten (10) days. The School Board must hear the appeal at its next public meeting, in accordance with meeting notice requirements.
- VI. 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 by improving parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework, school attendance and discipline.
- VII. The District will use a variety of strategies and resources to encourage parent participation in trainings and activities at school. These include, but are not limited to:
- A. Providing food at appropriate meal times using federal grant funds.

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- B. Providing materials, at no cost to the parent(s), to help their child improve academics or behavior.
  - C. Providing child-care services for young children, at the event, in order to be active in the training or activity.
- VIII. The District will provide professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies through the District professional development plan.
- IX. 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 in increasing parent participation;
  - B. To identify barriers to greater parent participation; and
  - C. To report the findings to the State Board of Education.
- X. The District will use the findings of the evaluations in designing strategies for school improvement and revising, if necessary, the parent involvement policies.

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

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