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9230 PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents/guardians and the school community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement in district concerns encouraged.

The Board recognizes the vital role of parents/guardians in the welfare and education of their children and the pivotal part they play in shaping character and values. Because parents/guardians are familiar with the needs, problems, gifts and abilities of their children, staff should seek to involve parents/guardians as much as possible in the planning of the individual program. Parents/guardians must, by law, be included in the development of certain educational programs for their children.

Parents/guardians are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in factors in the home situation, which may affect pupil conduct or performance. Parents/guardians are specifically requested to inform the school of any changes in legal custody of the child.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's punctuality, attendance, cleanliness and propriety of dress.

Parents/guardians input will be requested to develop programs, activities, and procedures relevant to ensuring a successful academic experience for all students. This includes but is not limited to participation in the development of both entitlement and discretionary grant applications, including Title I and IDEA, as well as with the development of district performance goals and objectives.

Numerous opportunities to enhance the necessary partnerships between home and school will be arranged:

- 1. Individual Student Goal conferences
- 2. Parent-teacher conferences
- 3. Back to School Night
- 4. School Goals and Objectives meetings
- 5. Family Math Nights
- 6. Family Science Nights



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Information regarding the meetings to which parents will be invited to offer their input will be posted on the district website, advertised in school and district newsletters and be accessed utilizing the district's communication email network system.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These regulations shall include use of the parent/guardian's native language when necessary.

Adopted: 22 July 2004

