

COOPERATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND SCHOOL

The Board of Education believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility that the Board shares with the parents or legal guardians of pupils. To insure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained.

It is the position of the Board that parents or legal guardians bear the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of pupils who have reached the legal age of majority, but are still for all practical purposes under parental authority.

The Board directs that parent-school cooperation be encouraged by parent-teacher conferences that permit two-way communication between home and school; open houses in district schools that provide parents or legal guardians with the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty, and observe the program on a first hand basis; and meetings of staff members and groups of the parents or legal guardians of those pupils having special abilities, disabilities, needs, or problems.

For the benefit of children, the Board believes that parents or legal guardians have a responsibility to encourage their child's career in school by the following means:

1. Supporting the schools in requiring that the children observe all school rules and regulations and by accepting their own responsibility for children's willful in-school behavior;
2. Sending children to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness, and dress;
3. Maintaining an active interest in pupils' daily work and making it possible for the pupil to complete assigned homework by providing a quiet place and suitable conditions for study;
4. Reading all communications from the school and signing and returning them promptly when required;
5. Cooperating with the school in attending conferences set up for the exchange of information on the child's progress in school; and
6. Scheduling family matters to minimize interference with school time.



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