

INSTRUCTION

Parent Involvement

Collaboration between school and family is essential to each student's educational success. The programs within the schools must strive to address specific needs of students and their families. Parental involvement enhances a student's achievements, attitudes and behaviors.

Parents (to include guardians) are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the education of children as well as support the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of comprehensive and coordinated programs for parental involvement in the decisions and practices of the school district. In accordance with the state legislation and the National PTA Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs, Okemos Public Schools promotes the following components for parental involvement in our schools:

- ❑ A welcoming atmosphere for parents to volunteer in the schools;
- ❑ Active solicitation of parental support and assistance for school programs;
- ❑ Inclusion of parents as full partners in decisions that affect children and families;
- ❑ Promotion and support of responsible parenting;
- ❑ Recognition that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning; and,
- ❑ Regular two-way, meaningful communication between home and school.

The board of education recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to successful parental participation. Thus, volunteers shall be appropriately supervised to ensure all actions are in accordance with district and building rules and regulations. Further, the board supports faculty professional development to better understand effective parent involvement strategies.

Legal References:

No Child Left Behind Act 2001: Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Section 1118(a)(2)
Public Act 107, May 2004

See Also Board Policies:

1250: Visits to the Schools
1400: School-Community Partnerships
5122.1: Title One Targeted Assistance Program
6162.4: Community Resources

Policy

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