

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY
TITLE: PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
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917. PARENT/FAMILY ENGAGEMENT	
1. Purpose	The Board recognizes the vital role parents and family play in the education, welfare and values of their children. The school district is committed to the belief that all students can learn and acknowledges that schools and families share a commitment to the educational success of students.
2. Definition	Parent and family engagement shall be defined as an ongoing process that assists parents and families to meet their basic obligation as a child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school, and supports parents as leaders and decision-makers concerning the education of their children at all levels.
3. Authority	The Board recognizes that the responsibility for each student's education is shared by the school and the family and acknowledges that schools and families must work as knowledgeable, cooperative partners to effectively educate all students. To this end, the Board shall support the development, implementation, and continuing evaluation of a parent and family engagement program that will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles.
4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall regularly evaluate and report to the Board on the effectiveness of the district's parental involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and district staff on the adequacy of parental engagement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation.
5. Guidelines	<p>Because parents/guardians are familiar with the needs, problems and abilities of their children, staff should communicate with and seek their input throughout the school year.</p> <p>The parent and family engagement program may include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support for parents as school leaders and decision-makers, in addition to serving in advisory roles. 2. Promotion of clear two-way communication between the school and the family about school programs and student progress.

	<p>3. Assistance to parents and families in developing parenting skills to foster positive relationships at home, to support children's educational efforts, and to assist their children with learning at home.</p> <p>4. Involvement of parents, with appropriate training, in instructional and support roles at the school.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p>
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