

Regulation

RELATIONS WITH PARENTS

The education of the children of the district is a joint responsibility between the Mendham Borough Board of Education the parents of the district.

The Board of Education is responsible for establishing policies and procedures that support the free and appropriate education of the students in the district. It charges the chief school administrator to provide opportunities for obtaining parental input into the decisions of the district through a variety of methods including but not limited to ad hoc committee membership, surveys, and individual conferences.

A. Parent-school cooperation is encouraged by the Board through:

1. Parent-teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school;
2. School visitation/participation days during which parents are encouraged to observe their children's classes and partake in school activities;
3. Special events of a cultural, ethnic or topical nature which are initiated by parent groups, involve the cooperative effort of students, teachers and parents and are of general interest to the schools or community;
4. The community volunteer program in the schools;
5. A parent council for each school to meet regularly with the principal to discuss matters of interest. ~~Each parent council will post the meeting agenda at the school prior to the scheduled meeting.~~ Parents will be encouraged to contact the representatives to provide input on the ~~posted~~ **potential** topics. At the conclusion of each meeting, the topics discussed will be summarized. This information will be provided to the ~~chief school administrator for inclusion in the Board meeting as needed~~ **building principal for review and to be posted to the website**. Open forums may be held to allow for in-depth discussion of identified topics;
6. Reports from the Parent Council and administration will be available at regularly scheduled Board meetings;
7. ~~Maintenance of a district newsletter containing current information about school activities, calendar changes and pertinent student information;~~
8. Maintenance of a district website containing current information about school activities, calendar, curriculum and minutes of district meetings;
9. Maintenance of a student agenda at appropriate grade levels that allows daily communication between teachers and parents/guardians;
10. Support of the implementation and evaluation of instructional strategies that solicits parental involvement in the educational program of their child.

B. Parent responsibilities include:

1. Providing for their child's punctuality, attendance, cleanliness and proper dress;
2. Notifying the school if their child is absent or late;
3. Supporting the schools in requiring that their children obey all school rules and regulations;
4. Providing suitable conditions for study at home and monitoring the child's daily schoolwork;
5. Maintaining an interest in the daily school activities of their child;
6. Reading and responding appropriately and promptly to all communications from the school;
7. Following established procedures for brining information and concerns to the attention of the district;
8. Participating in school organizations or volunteering for membership on committees;
9. Reviewing and signing the daily agenda at the appropriate grade levels for assignments and comments for teachers;
10. Sharing comments and concerns the first instance with the classroom or appropriate teacher, and proceeding to the principal only if resolution cannot be achieved, and thereafter, if necessary to the chief school administrator and the Board of Education;

RELATIONS WITH PARENTS (regulation continued)

Parents are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance.

Changes in legal custody and guidelines for home/school contact with custodial parent must be shared with the school in order to support ongoing communication among the parties concerned with the welfare of the child and to provide a safe learning environment.

When appropriate all communication to the parent/guardian will be provided in the native language.

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