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Parental Involvement In Education Practices

9 The school district recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the
10 education of their children. The school district will take the following steps to
11 ensure that the rights of parents and guardians to participate in the education of
12 their children are preserved.

13 1. Parents/Guardians will be provided access, as described in district
14 procedures, to district-approved textbooks and other curricular materials
15 and tests used in the district upon request.

16 a. A parental request to review specific approved textbooks and other
17 district- or building-approved curricular materials (written, visual, and
18 audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the
19 textbooks and curriculum materials are used.

20 b. Parents may check out textbooks and may review curricular
21 materials such as video and audio recordings within a time frame
22 determined by the building principal to prevent disruption of the
23 instructional process.

24 c. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion-
25 referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the
26 building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district
27 will be available for parent review. Parents wishing to review
28 statewide NeSA assessments will be provided with sample
29 questions and a copy of a practice test, but will not be provided with
30 copies of the actual assessment due to testing security. In the case
31 of other secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the
32 publisher to obtain copies of the test.

33 2. Parents/Guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to attend
34 and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions and other
35 instructional activities.

36 a. Parents are invited to make appointments with the building principal
37 to visit classes, assemblies and other instructional activities. The
38 principal shall give permission after determining that parental
39 observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last
40 more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically
41 disruptive and will not be permitted absent unusual circumstances, in
the sole discretion of the building principal.

42 b. Parents/guardians may contact the building principal to request
43 permission to attend counseling session in which their child is
44 involved.

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47 3. Parents/guardians will be permitted, within district procedures, to ask that
48 their children be excused school experiences that parents find
49 objectionable.

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51 a. Building principals may excuse a student from any single school
52 experience at the parent's written request.

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54 b. When appropriate, alternative experiences may be provided for the
55 student by the school.

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57 4. Parents/guardians will be informed through the student handbook and
58 district policies of the manner that the district will provide access to records
59 of students.

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61 5. Parents/guardians will be informed of the norm-referenced and criterion-
62 referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional
63 information from the building principal.

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65 6. Parents/guardians will be informed of the circumstances under which they
66 may opt-out of state and federal assessments.

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68 a. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year,
69 the District shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this
70 policy to parents/guardians of students attending schools receiving
71 Title 1 funds. The District will provide a copy of this policy to a
72 requesting parent in a timely manner.

73 b. State Assessments

74 The District cannot approve requests to opt out of state
75 assessments. Approval of such requests is contrary to the law.

76 c. National Assessment of Educational Progress

77 As a condition of receiving federal funds, the District participates in
78 the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help
79 ensure that the District has a representative sample of students
80 taking the NAEP, which will allow the District to assess the quality
81 and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, the District
82 strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However,
83 student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

84 The District shall provide parents/guardians of eligible students with
85 reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered.
86 Parents/guardians wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP
87 assessment must notify the district in writing at least three days prior
88 to the exam date to ensure that the District can coordinate
89 supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted
90 out.

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- 92 7. Parents/guardians will be notified of their right to remove their children
93 from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.
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- 95 a. The principal must approve surveys intended to gather information
96 from students before they are administered to students.
- 97 b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents may restrict
98 their child from participating in any surveys
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