KA - SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND HOME RELATIONS

Category Priority-The subject matter of these policies is required by state and or federal law.

See also KCB, IF, IJO, and LA

The Winchester School Board recognizes the importance of having a strong partnership between the school system and the parents of our students as well as the community at large. It is therefore the policy of the Board to define standards for involvement between the schools, the community, and the parents of all students enrolled in District schools. The Superintendent of Winchester is directed to implement these standards.

- District schools are a welcoming place, clearly accessible to parents and the community.
- Communications between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
- Parents are full partners in the educational decisions that affect children and families.
- Parents will be encouraged to visit their schools for beginning of the year events such as “Open House” and new student orientations. These events will be used to disseminate information on school policies, discipline procedures, assessment tools, and school goals.
- Opportunities are provided to guide parents on ways to assist with homework, give feedback to teachers, and how parents can help their children improve skills and perform well on assessments.
- Parents are encouraged to attend school-sponsored parent workshops to learn about parenting skills, health, safety, nutrition, home environments that support education and other topics of child and adolescent development throughout the year.
- Reasonable efforts will be made to communicate with parents in their primary language or in the language in which they feel comfortable.
- For the purposes of this policy, the term “parent” refers to any -mother, father, or legal guardian-who plays a significant role in the care of a student or students enrolled in District Schools.
- Students and parents will receive information regarding cultural, recreational academic, health, social or other resources that serve families within the community.
- The support of area businesses, agencies, and faith-based organizations will be sought through financial, goods, and services and volunteer contributions.
- Partnership will be developed with local organizations, and talented individuals to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
- Student participation in community service will be encouraged.
- All correspondence of the Winchester School District will include the School Website (http://www.wnhsd.org/) and the return address of the school.
- Business partnerships will also be developed to assist students in the successful transition to further education.

Legal References:
NH Code of Administration Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(a)(11), Policy Development
NH Code of Administration Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(k), Policy Development

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