

# POLICY

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The Board of Education believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility that the Board shares with the parents or legal guardians of pupils. To insure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained.

It is the position of the Board that parents or legal guardians bear the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of pupils who have reached the legal age of majority, but are still for all practical purposes under parental authority.

The Board directs that cooperation be encouraged by parent-teacher conferences that permit two-way communication between home and school; open houses in district schools that provide parents or legal guardians with the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty, and observe the program on a first hand basis; meetings of staff members and groups of the parents or legal guardians of those pupils having special abilities, needs, or problems; and special events of a cultural, ethnic, or topical nature, which are initiated by parent groups, involve the cooperative effort of students and parents or legal guardians, and are of general interest to the schools or community.

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