COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Family Involvement

Engaging families in the educational lives of their children is a critical link to achieving a high-quality education and a safe, disciplined learning environment for every student. The Prince William County School Board is committed to engaging all families through:

**Communication** between home and school that is regular, two-way, and meaningful. When families and schools communicate effectively, positive relationships develop, problems are more easily solved, and students make greater progress.

**Parenting skills** that are promoted and supported by the schools. School staff recognizes parent roles and responsibilities, asks families what support they need, and works to find ways to meet those needs.

**Student learning** environments in which the role of the family in providing assistance is recognized as an integral part of student learning. Enlisting the involvement of the family provides schools with a valuable support system, creating a team that is working for the success of all students.

**Volunteering** on the part of family members, which is welcome in the school, as their support and assistance are sought. Volunteer work must be meaningful and valuable. Capitalizing on the expertise and skills of family members provides much-needed support to schools in their attempts to meet academic goals and student needs.

**School decision-making and advocacy** that includes families in decisions affecting students and families. Families and schools depend on shared decision-making systems to foster family trust, public confidence, and mutual support of each other’s efforts in planning for and helping students succeed.

All schools will engage parents in order to create a school culture in which students, families, and schools work together in various ways to achieve the goals which they share.

The Associate Superintendent for Communications and Technology Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this policy.

The Associate Superintendent for Communications and Technology Services (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this policy in 2014.


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