

1300: HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION (AP)

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POLICY

The Board of Education considers effective communication between parents and school personnel as one of the key elements to pupil success. The Board wishes parents to perceive District schools as being fully receptive to parental concern and as comfortable places to discuss the educational progress of their children.

The Board encourages all principals to develop annual plans for home/school communication, including invitations to parents to interact with their school and an outline of an appeal procedure should parents feel dissatisfied with a school based decision or position.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1.0 DEFINITION OF HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

1.1 Home/school communication shall minimally include:

- i) regular newsletters
- ii) parent-teacher interviews
- iii) open house or similar school activity
- iv) day-to-day contact as is situationally necessary
- v) provision of a copy of the annual school plan

2.0 SUPPORT AT MEETINGS

2.1 Parents/Guardians have the right to bring a support person with them when attending appointments with school district staff.

2.2 Parents/Guardians may avail themselves of Parent Advocates/Parent Leaders who have been trained under the auspices of the District Parent Advisory Council.

2.2.1 The District Parents Advisory Council will annually provide schools with a updated list of Parent Advocates/Parent Leaders.

2.3 Parents/Guardians are requested to inform the school if they are intending to bring a support person to a meeting.

3.0 APPEAL PROCEDURE FOR PARENTS

- 3.1 Parents, who feel dissatisfied with a school-based decision/position, shall be encouraged to seek resolution of the problem as outlined in Policy 115.