



COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Community Involvement

Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement

I. Process

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) believes that schools, parents/guardians, families, and communities have a mutual responsibility to work together in order to increase student achievement. The Board values parent/guardian and family involvement as integral to the academic success of all students.
1. The Board is committed to involving parents/guardians and family members of children of all ages and grade levels. The Board recognizes that the type and the degree of parent/guardian and family involvement vary among households.
  2. The Board endorses cooperation among schools, parents/guardians, families, and community members in order to increase involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of students by utilizing the following guidelines:
    - a. Open and ongoing communication is promoted among home, school, and the community.
    - b. Parenting skills are fostered and supported.
    - c. Parents/guardians, families, and community members are welcome as volunteers in the school. Their support and assistance are sought, encouraged, and recognized.
    - d. Parents/guardians, families, community members are included and supported in the decision-making process. Their leadership in advisory and advocacy roles is encouraged.
    - e. Community resources are used to strengthen schools, families, and student learning.

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- f. Parents/guardians, families, and community members are welcomed as active partners and play integral roles in promoting student learning and achievement.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §6318 (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)  
*Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article § 4-112

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 1100, *Communication with the Public*  
Board of Education Policy 1200, *Community Involvement*  
Board of Education Policy 1220, *Citizens Advisory Committee*  
Board of Education Policy 1240, *Visits to Schools*  
Board of Education Policy 1250, *Participation in the Local School by Community Members*  
Board of Education Policy 1260, *School Volunteers*

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