

Missoula County Public School District

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Family and Community Engagement

The Board recognizes the importance of engaging families in the education of children. The Superintendent and staff shall undertake activities designed to:

- Encourage families to actively participate in the life of their children's schools;
- Ensure families feel welcomed, valued, and connected to one another, school staff, and to what students are learning and doing in class;
- Encourage families and school staff to engage in regular, two-way meaningful communication about student learning;
- Ensure continuous collaboration between families and school staff to support student learning and healthy development both at home and at school and have regular opportunities to strengthen their knowledge and skills to do so effectively;
- Empower families to be advocates for their own and other children to ensure that students are treated equitably and have access to learning opportunities that will support their success;
- Allow families and school staff to partner in decisions that affect children and families and together inform, influence, and create policies, practices, and programs;
- Encourage families and school staff to collaborate with members of the community to connect students, families, and staff to expand learning opportunities, community services, and civic preparation;
- Encourage families and school staff to collaborate with members of the community to connect students, families, and staff to post-secondary education opportunities, including workforce training, apprenticeship opportunities, career pathways, and degree programs, and encourage students to explore college and career planning tools (including Free Application for Federal Student Aid completion) and incentives provided by post-secondary institutions.

To the extent feasible and appropriate, the District will attempt to coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with other relevant federal, state, and local laws and programs, including but not limited to Title I programs.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 2158 Family Engagement Policy
 Board Policy 2160 Federal Funding and Title I
 Administrative Procedures

Legal Reference: § 10.55.722, ARM Family and Community Engagement

Policy History

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