

Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

CODE H1

H-1: SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Policy

It is the policy of the member district schools of the Washington West Supervisory Union: Fayston Elementary School, Harwood Union High School, Moretown Elementary School, Waitsfield Elementary School, Warren Elementary School, and Waterbury/Duxbury Union School District (Crossett Brook Middle School and Thatcher Brook Primary School) to encourage the involvement of the community in its schools.

Implementation

An effective community outreach program is a necessary component of a school system's organization and operation. Therefore, the Board will provide the means necessary to develop and implement such a program.

The school system's community outreach program should:

1. create a planned, systematic, two-way communications process between the school district, the board and the school community;
2. encourage a better understanding of the objectives, accomplishments and needs of the school system within the community;
3. create opportunities for school involvement through volunteerism, business/organizational partnerships, sponsorships, internships and other joint projects;
4. use a variety of media including, but not limited to, meetings, letters and e-mail, circulars, web sites, seminars, publications, communications media, and personal contacts;
5. provide the channels necessary for resolving grievances and eliminating misunderstandings;
6. inform concerned persons as to their rights, privileges and responsibilities;
7. provide that, when circumstances warrant, the board will designate the superintendent or board chair to be the spokesperson for the board or district on a given topic or specific incident. When such a designation has been made, the designated individual shall respond on behalf of the district or board to all inquiries related to the topic or incident, and board members and staff members will refer all inquiries to the designated individual.

The board and superintendent will work collaboratively to develop a community relations program which conforms to the above principles.

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| Legal Reference(s): | 16 V.S.A. §165 (School Quality Standards) |
| Cross Reference: | Local Action Plan (G8) Parental Involvement (H2) Visits to Schools (H5) Annual School Reports (H6) |