

Washington West Supervisory Union Model Policy

CODE H2

H-2: PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

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 and support the involvement of parents in their children's education.

Background

Research has shown that parent involvement is a key factor in the academic and social success of students. The board believes it is important that parents are involved in their child's education at home, in school, and within the larger community. New educational initiatives mandate or encourage the strengthening of the parent/school/community relationship.

Implementation

The superintendent and principals shall develop and implement programs and procedures to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Parents should be informed about their children's educational programs, instructional methods and objectives, and notified directly of any significant changes.
2. Parents should be provided with opportunities to become informed about program design, operation and evaluation, and to communicate with educators on these subjects.
3. Parents should be encouraged to observe instructional activities, attend program meetings, discuss concerns with educators, participate in program evaluation and improvement efforts, and give recommendations to school staff, administration, and board members.
4. Parents should be provided with information and opportunities intended to improve their abilities to work with their children at home and in school, and to build partnerships between homes and schools.
5. Professional and non-professional staff members, administrators, school board members, and school-community partners should be provided with training opportunities intended to improve their abilities to build more effective relationships with parents.

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