

*Delta C-7 Public Schools  
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### **School Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

Parents/families of all economic, racial/ethnic, cultural, and educational backgrounds can, and do, have positive effects on their children's learning. Delta C-7 recognizes the importance of assisting school districts in eliminating barriers that impede parent/family involvement, thereby facilitating an environment that encourages collaboration with parents/families and community.

- Promote regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school. Examples: personal visits beyond parent/teacher conferences, electronic/telephone contact, use of translators.
- Promote and support responsible parenting. Examples: parenting workshops, parent resource centers, parent support groups.
- Recognize the fact that parents/families play an integral role in assisting their children to learn. Examples: parent curriculum night, family literacy programs, post-secondary planning activities.
- Promote a safe and open atmosphere for parents/families to visit the school that their children attend and actively solicit parent/family support and assistance for school programs. Examples: training of volunteers and staff, family activities at school, identifying parent volunteer opportunities in and out of school.
- Include parents as full partners in decisions affecting their children and families. Examples: shared parent/teacher expertise on individual students, student academic planning, advisory councils (e.g., technology, nutrition/wellness), parent leadership development.
- Use available community resources to strengthen and promote school programs, family practices, and the achievement of students. Examples: utilize the knowledge and skills of senior citizens, retired teachers, and veterans; encourage education-friendly practices in local businesses; parent information centers; identify links to current, quality resources.

Delta C-7 is committed to professional development opportunities for school district staff and leadership to enhance understanding of effective parent/family involvement strategies. We also recognize the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parent/family participation. Delta C-7 will include parents/families in the annual evaluation of the content and impact of this policy. The evaluation will be used to improve and/or create practices to enhance parent/family involvement.



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