

SULLIVAN SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Policy KA: School, Family, and Community Partnerships

The Sullivan School Board recognizes the importance of having a strong partnership between the school system and the parents of our students, as well as the community at large. It is therefore the policy of the Board to define standards for involvement between the schools, the community, and the parents of Sullivan students.

The Sullivan School Board does not operate any schools and is recognized as a sending district. Therefore, the Sullivan School Board recognizes and incorporates by reference the policies regarding school community relations applicable to students and parents/guardians of students attending the receiving school district and adopted by the receiving school boards in the school districts where Sullivan resident students attend school. Sullivan parents should receive information on school policies, discipline procedures, assessment tools, and school goals from the receiving school.

It is the expectation of the Sullivan School Board that our receiving schools are welcoming and accessible to parents and the community. Systematic communication between the home and school is important to student achievement and well-being. Communication should be regular, two-way, and meaningful. The schools that educate Sullivan students should provide information and opportunities to guide parents on ways to assist with homework, give feedback to teachers, and on how parents can help their children improve skills and perform well on assessments. Parents are encouraged to visit the receiving schools for events such as "Open House" and new student orientations. Parents are further encouraged to attend school-sponsored events, activities, and workshops throughout the year as available. Sullivan students and parents should receive information from the receiving school regarding cultural, recreational, academic, health, social, and other resources that serve families within the community.

Parents are expected to be full partners in the educational decisions that affect children and families. Reasonable efforts should be made by receiving schools to communicate with parents in their primary language or in the language in which they feel comfortable.

It is the expectation of the Sullivan School Board that our receiving schools will partner with with community organizations, government, and businesses to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning. Student participation in community service will be encouraged. The Sullivan School Board encourages the development of business partnerships to assist students in the successful transition to employment or further education and encourages Sullivan businesses and community organizations to participate in this support for our students.

The Sullivan School Board and administration will seek to assist parents, who experience difficulties with the schools Sullivan students attend, with the fulfillment of the goals established in this policy.

Legal References: Ed 306.04(a)(11), Community Partnerships
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