

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY 915

SECTION: COMMUNITY
 TITLE: PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
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915. PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

1. Purpose

The school district is committed to the belief that all students can learn and acknowledges that parents share the district's commitment to the educational success of their children.
2. Definition

Parent and family involvement shall be defined as an ongoing process that assists parents and families to meet their basic obligation as their child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school, and supports parents as leaders and decision-makers at all levels concerning the education of their children.
3. Authority

The Board recognizes that the responsibility for each student's education is shared by the schools and the family and acknowledges that schools and families must work as knowledgeable partners to effectively educate all students.

To this end, the Board will support the development, implementation, and continuing evaluation of a parent and family involvement program which will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles.
4. Guidelines

The parent and family involvement program shall be comprehensive in nature and may include the following:

 1. Support to parents as school leaders and decision makers, in addition to serving in advisory roles.

2. Promotion of clear two-way communication between the school and the family about school programs and children's progress.
3. Assistance to parents and guardians to develop parenting skills to foster positive relationships at home that support children's efforts and provide techniques designed to assist their children with learning at home.
4. Involvement of parents, with appropriate training, in instructional and support roles at the school.