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SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Oyster River Cooperative School District recognizes the importance of having 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 all students enrolled in the Oyster River Cooperative School District schools. The Superintendent is directed to implement these standards.

- Oyster River Cooperative School District schools are a welcoming place, clearly accessible to parents and the community.
- Communication between home and school is regular, two-way and meaningful.
- Parents are full partners in the educational decisions that affect children and families.
- Parents will be encouraged to visit their schools for beginning of the year events such as “Open House” and new student orientations. These events will be used to disseminate information on school policies, discipline procedures, assessment tools and school goals.
- Opportunities are provided to guide parents on ways to assist with homework, give feedback to teachers, and how parents can help their children improve skills and perform well on assessments.
- Handbooks are available yearly.
- Parents are encouraged to attend school-sponsored parent workshops to learn about parenting skills, health, safety, nutrition, home environments that support education and other topics of child and adolescent development throughout the year.
- Reasonable efforts will be made to communicate with parents in their primary language or in the language in which they feel comfortable.
- For purposes of this policy, the term “parent” refers to any adult-mother, father, older sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent, guardian, mentor – who plays a significant role in the care of a student or students enrolled in the Oyster River Cooperative School District schools.
- Students and parents will receive information regarding cultural, recreational, academic, health, social and other resources that serve families within the community.
- The support of area businesses, agencies and faith-based organizations will be sought through financial, goods and services, and volunteer contributions. Any funds received will be dealt with in accordance with policy DIA – Fund Balance.
- Partnerships will be developed with local organizations, UNH, local city and county governments, and talented individuals to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning.
- Student participation in community service will be encouraged.
- Business partnerships will also be developed to assist students in the successful transition to employment or further education.

Cross Reference:

- Policy DIA – Fund Balance
- Policy CHCA – Approval of Handbook Directives

Legal References:

- NH Code of Administration Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(11), Community Partnerships
- NH Code of Administration Rules, Section Ed 306.04(k), Community Partnerships