

KERN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD BYLAWS

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that continued parental involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment.

All school programs operated by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office are encouraged to communicate frequently with parents/guardians in order to develop skills and foster relationships which support student learning. Effective two-way communication between home and school is strongly encouraged so that parent/guardians remain well informed about school expectations and ways to assist students in support of learning.

The programs operated by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office shall work with staff and parents/guardians to develop meaningful opportunities at all grade levels for parents/guardians to be involved in school activities; advisory, decision-making, and advocacy roles; and activities to support learning at home. For the purposes of this policy, the term "parent/guardians" shall also include any agencies or individuals acting in lieu of parents/guardians on behalf of Juvenile Court School students.

Parents/guardians shall be notified of their rights to be informed about and to participate in their children's education and of the opportunities available to them to do so.

The effectiveness of the parent involvement efforts, including, but not limited to, input from parents/guardians and school staff on the adequacy of parent involvement opportunities and barriers that may inhibit parent/guardian participation shall be regularly evaluated.

Title I Schools

Each year the specific objectives of the County Office parent involvement program for schools that receive Title I funding shall be identified to ensure that parents/guardians are consulted and participate in the planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of the parent involvement program. (Education Code 11503)

The County Office parent involvement strategies shall be jointly developed with and agreed upon by parents/guardians of students participating in Title I programs. Those strategies shall establish expectations for parent involvement and describe how the County Office will carry out each activity listed in 20 USC 6318.

The parents/guardians of participating students shall be consulted in the planning and implementation of parent involvement programs, activities, and regulations and shall also be involved in decisions regarding how the County Office Title I funds will be allotted for parent involvement activities. (20 USC 6318)

Each school receiving Title I funds shall develop a school-level parent involvement policy in accordance with 20 USC 6318.

Non-Title I Schools

Strategies applicable to each school that does not receive federal Title I funds shall be developed to encourage the involvement and support of parents/guardians in the education of their children, including, but not limited to, strategies describing how the County Office and schools will address the purposes and goals described in Education Code 11502. (Education Code 11504)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

11500-11506 Programs to encourage parent involvement

48985 Notices in languages other than English

51101 Parent rights and responsibilities

64001 Single plan for student achievement

LABOR CODE

230.8 Time off to visit child's school

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6311 Parental notice of teacher qualifications and student achievement

6312 Local educational agency plan

6314 Schoolwide programs

6316 School improvement

6318 Parent involvement

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions, auxiliary aids and services

35.160 Communications