

ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents/guardians and the school community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement in district concerns encouraged.

The board recognizes the vital role of parents/guardians in the welfare and education of their children and the pivotal part they play in shaping character and values. Because parents/guardians are familiar with the needs, problems, gifts and abilities of their children, staff should seek to involve parents/guardians as much as possible in the planning of the individual program. Parents/guardians must, by law, be included in the development of certain educational programs for their children.

Parents/guardians are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in factors in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance. Parents/guardians are specifically requested to inform the school of any changes in legal custody of the child.

It is the position of the Board that parents bear the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of pupils who have reached the legal age of majority, but are still for all practical purposes under parental authority. During school hours the Board acts in loco parentis or in place of the parents.

Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's punctuality, attendance, cleanliness and propriety of dress.

The chief school administrator shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These regulations shall include use of the parent/guardian's native language when necessary.

Adopted: April 14, 2003

Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.9

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-22

N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.1

Pupil promotion and remediation; policies and procedures

Notice to parents that child identified as eligible for enrollment; option of declining enrollment; involvement of parents in program

Reporting requirements

ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Legal References (continued)

<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:8-4.3	Accountability
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-1.1 et seq.	Special Education
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:24-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	<i>Urban Education Reform in the Abbott Districts</i>
<i>See particularly:</i>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:24-2.1, -4.1(i)8, -4.2(c)7	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:30-1.1 <i>et seq.</i>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

34 CFR 200.1 to 200.89 - Part 200

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (August 2000)