

# **POLICY**

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## **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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### ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The Board recognizes 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 in the planning of an individual's program. Parents/guardians must, by law, be included in the development of certain educational programs for their children.

The Board directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent school cooperation; parent-teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school; open house to provide parents with the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty and observe the programs; and meetings of staff members and groups of parents of those students having special abilities, disabilities, needs, or problems.

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 chief school administrator of any changes in legal custody of the child.

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

The chief school administrator shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These procedures shall be printed in the Student-Parent/Guardian Handbook. These regulations shall include use of the parent/guardian's native language when necessary.

Parents shall follow Board policy and regulations in matters pertaining to commendations, complaints, concerns and grievances.

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