Sparta Area School District

Article 530 – Involvement of Parents and Guardians

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has placed renewed emphasis on parental involvement requirements for school districts and schools that utilize Title I funds.

The Sparta School District believes that the involvement of parents/guardians in their child(ren)’s learning, both at school and in the home, is an essential and critical part of maximizing their child’s learning. Parents/guardians are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous opportunities available at their child(ren)’s school, and throughout the district, for children and parents/guardians.

The District has developed recommendations and guidelines to promote the active involvement of parents and guardians in the education of District students. The District’s recommendation and guidelines are outlined in Administrative Rule 525 and focus primarily on three components:

1. Encourage parents to be aware of and participate in policy decisions affecting Title I programs;

2. Include a shared-responsibility for high student achievement which describes how the schools and parents will work together to increase student performance;

3. Increase the ability of parents to further contribute to the school community.

Parents/Guardians of Title I students are to be kept informed and asked to provide input into the development of the District’s Title I program plan and assist the district in its review and improvement process. Presently the Title I program targets students in qualifying Pre-school and elementary schools in the Sparta School District.

The District will provide assistance to the targeted Title I schools in creating strong parent involvement policies and programs.

The District will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies that are part of other federally funded programs.

The District will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policies in improving the academic quality of schools, including the identifying of barriers to greater parent participation and use the results of the evaluation to design strategies for creating more effective parental involvement policies.

The District will ensure that opportunities for parental involvement are provided in the Title I programs at the schools.
Legal Reference: (ESEA) No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Cross Reference: Administrative Rule 526 – Involvement of Parents and Guardians.

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