

Parent Involvement

The Cincinnati Public Schools is committed to involving parents/guardians, hereafter referred to as "parents", in directly affecting the success of their children's educational efforts. Parent involvement is an important part of the educational program. A home/school partnership and greater involvement of parents in the education of their children generally result in higher achievement scores, improved students behavior and reduced absenteeism. All parents of students enrolled in the district are encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children.

Parents should be encouraged to participate in the Local School Decision Making Committee (LSDMC). The Superintendent is directed to develop necessary administrative procedures to ensure that this policy is implemented and that parent involvement is facilitated. The procedures will:

- 1. Encourage strong parents/school partnerships;
- 2. Provide for consistent and effective communication among the parents, teachers and school staff;
- 3. Offer parents ways to assist and encourage their children to do their best;
- 4. Offer ways parents can support classroom learning activities;
- 5. Involve parents in the design, operation and evaluation of the educational programs; and
- 6. Provide that parents are given sufficient and timely information concerning the status and progress of their children's education.
- 7. Consideration must be given to the special needs of parents who are physically challenged or sensory impaired to ensure that they also have access to information about their children's education.