

# **POLICY KB**

## **Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Related Entries:** KB-R, IJOC

**Responsible Office:** Associate Superintendent for Instruction

### **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Policy is twofold: (1) to engage parents, guardians and families in a child's education and in the educational process, and (2) to provide an effective and equitable support system that results in greater success for under-performing students.

#### **II. BACKGROUND**

The Board of Education is committed to the participation of all parents/guardians through meaningful communication and family engagement with teachers and other school district staff regarding student academic performance. The Board encourages all parents to participate as full partners in the collaborative decision-making process. Parent engagement shall be incorporated into the daily practices of all schools to foster mutual respect, trust, and public confidence, and to help students succeed.

#### **III. POSITION**

- A. The Superintendent shall develop and support a comprehensive parent/guardian engagement plan that will assist parents to be involved and proactive in their child's education and in the educational process. The plan will include strategies in the following focus areas:
  1. Educational Plan for Student Success (EPSS);
  2. Two-way Communication Between Home and School, to Improve Trust and Collaboration;
  3. School Environment and Volunteers;
  4. Support of Home Activities;
  5. Promoting Advocacy and Shared Leadership;
  6. Collaboration with Community Organizations.
- B. The Superintendent will ensure that parental and family engagement strategies are included within the district-level and school-level Educational Plans for Student Success (EPSS).

- C. The Superintendent shall advocate a culturally appropriate family engagement process that is proactive and inclusive.
- D. The Superintendent shall promote advocacy, equity and shared leadership between schools and parents.
- E. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

### **III. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

December 18, 2012

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*Date Approved*

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