

BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICY

Policy Name: Treatment of Students & Parents

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Policy Type: Executive Limitations

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The Superintendent shall not cause or allow conditions, procedures or decisions regarding students and parents that are unsafe, disrespectful, unnecessarily intrusive, that fail to provide adequate confidentiality or privacy, or that otherwise jeopardize an environment for quality education.

1. Fail to ensure that all staff recognize and respect parents as those with primary responsibility for the development, protection and nurturing of their children.
2. Fail to ensure that appropriate plans and strategies are implemented to engender in District employees the common law concept of acting in place of the parent in relation to students in their care.
3. Fail to ensure that parents and guardians have the opportunity to participate in key decisions including the education of their children.
4. Fail to provide opportunities for parents/guardians through School Councils to influence organizational decision-making at both school and District levels.
5. Fail to involve parents in investigations of student absences and behavior problems.
6. Fail to provide students and parents/guardians with due process, including information about the right to appeal to the Board.
7. Fail to ensure that confidentiality of students and parents/guardians is respected and maintained, in accordance with provisions of the School Act, the Student Record Regulation, the Young Offenders Act, and the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
8. Operate without written standards, known to students and parents/guardians, regarding expected behaviour and consequences of violating the standards.
9. Fail to involve the police, health authorities and social service agencies to the extent required by law.
10. Permit distribution of information to students or parents that is inconsistent with achievement of the Board's Ends.
11. Fail to maintain comprehensive statistics regarding enrollment.
12. Fail to ensure fair access to education for all students and prospective students, and placement in appropriate programs.
13. Authorize out-of-country travel for students without demonstrating how such travel will contribute to Achievement Ends, demonstrating that all reasonable precautions have been taken to ensure student safety and obtaining prior Board approval.