

Policy 1001.02

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Parental Involvement in Education

Pursuant to LB 1161, it shall be the policy of the Kimball Public Schools to involve parents in the schools while acknowledging the rights of parents to have access to the schools, and information about testing, curriculum, programs, and their own child.

To the extent practical, Kimball Public Schools provides accessibility and opportunities for the participation of parents with disabilities, limited English proficiency, and migratory children, including providing information and reports in a manner, format, and language that such parents can use and understand.

The Kimball Schools shall seek to involve and inform parents in ways, such as but not limited to, the following:

- Scheduled parent-teacher conferences.
- Serving on strategic planning committees.
- Serving on classroom or other topical committees.
- Sponsoring and inviting parents to special educational seminars/presentations.
- Encouraging parental visits in school.
- Opening our school to parents to attend school activities and having special recognition nights for parents.
- Using parents to help sponsor on class trips or activities.
- Including parent contact as part of teacher evaluation.
- Publish annually a report to parents & patrons.

In addition, the district acknowledges certain rights parents/guardians shall have relative to accessing information regarding the school, its materials, its curriculum, testing data, and the parent/guardian's individual child's performance and records. These rights shall be as follows:

1. As provided by federal law, parents may access all records pertaining to their children who are under the age of 18. For children who are over the age of 18, access may be with the agreement of the student.
2. Parents may check out for a period of 14 days copies of available textbooks used in the curriculum of the Kimball Public Schools. Such books must be returned in substantially the same condition as when they were borrowed. If books are damaged or damaged beyond use, the cost for repairs or new replacement shall be assessed.
3. Parents may review curriculum documents, media materials, and other such materials during the regular working hours. Notice of five working days to provide such materials for

- review shall be required. Board of Education Policy shall govern complaints relative to the appropriateness of instructional materials, and procedures and forms for parents to request the reconsideration of instructional or media materials will be provided.
4. Upon written request, within three days, submitted to the building principal by the parent/guardian, children shall be excused from specific surveys, standardized testing, instructional sessions, or other school experiences which the parent or guardian finds as objectionable. The request shall include the reason or reasons the parent or guardian finds the material to be objectionable. An alternative lesson or assignment may be provided in appropriate situations where a child would be excused from a specific instructional session, or survey, or standardized test.
 5. Parents may upon any reasonable advanced written request, upon a school provided form, attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities, unless such attendance would substantially interfere with a legitimate school interest.
 6. A standardized testing program to meet requirements of state standards and assessments is established for the district. School wide results of the standardized testing programs are part of the annual report to parents and patrons. In addition, a parent report is provided to the student's parent/guardian which provides the individual student profile and data as to the student's test performance. Test data is also recorded in the student's cumulative record. Upon request by the parent/guardian, the district will provide a time and date upon which a parent may review a sample of the test.
 7. This policy shall be adopted following a formal public hearing and reviewed on an annual basis and either altered or reaffirmed by the board following a public hearing.

Ref LB 1161 -- State Statute

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