

# Lisbon School District

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Lisbon, CT 06351

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## Community Relations

### Communication with the Public

#### **Parent Involvement**

Considerable evidence indicates that meaningful involvement of parents, guardians, and other caregivers in the schooling of children improves the quality of education significantly. The Board of Education believes that closer connections of parents and other responsible for the home care of the children with our schools can result in enhanced academic performance, improved behavior, and reduced absenteeism.

Therefore, all parents, guardians, and care-givers of students enrolled in our school district are encouraged to take an active role in the education of their children.

Further, the Board of Education believes that the administration must take whatever steps are necessary to facilitate a broad variety of opportunities for parents to connect frequently with the schools in which their children are enrolled, and with the overall system. Each option should:

- Encourage strong home-based partnerships;
- Provide for consistent and effective communication between the parents, guardians, and care-givers, and school officials;
- Offer parents, guardians, and care-givers ways to assist and encourage their children to do their best;
- Provide opportunities for parents, guardians, and care-givers to have a voice in the planning and decision-making at both the school and district level.

The Board of Education supports professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. The Board also recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

In addition to programs at the school level, the Board of Education supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school district, using to the degree possible the components listed above.

Engaging parents is essential to improved student achievement. This school district shall foster and support active parent involvement.

In order to afford all parents and care-givers opportunities for involvement in the educational process, activities and the scheduling of those activities must take into account the needs of working parents, guardians, and care-givers.

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#### **Parent Involvement (cont)**

Some mechanisms that have been shown to be successful in fostering home-school connections are parent newsletters, open houses, parenting education workshops, parent-teacher organizations, parent forums, parent participation on school governing councils, parent participation on district and/or building committees and task forces, and classroom volunteerism.

Legal Reference:           Connecticut General Statutes  
10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures as amended by P.A. 97-290.

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**Lisbon Board of Education**