

ROLE OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

The Holmdel Township Board of Education believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents/guardians and the school community. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained and parental involvement in district concerns encouraged.

The Board recognizes the vital role of parents/guardians in the welfare and education of their children and the pivotal part they play in shaping character and values. Because parents/guardians are familiar with the needs, problems, gifts and abilities of their children, staff should seek to involve parents/guardians as much as possible in the planning of the individual program. Parents/guardians must, by law, be included in the development of certain educational programs for their children.

The primary vehicle for parent-teacher contact shall be regularly scheduled conferences in November. In addition, interim progress reports, report cards and other communication vehicles will be utilized. Telephone contacts and personal notes between teachers and parents are also encouraged. Parents and teachers may also arrange for conferences outside of the November dates.

Parents/guardians are requested to keep the school apprised of changes in factors in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance.

A record shall be kept indicating the legal guardian of each pupil. Such guardian shall be responsible for informing the Board of any change in the pupil's guardian. If one parent/guardian has been awarded custody of the pupil in a divorce settlement, the other parent/guardian shall present to the principal a letter authorizing him/her to accompany the child from school before the child may be released to him/her. The principal may take such steps as deemed necessary to ensure that the child is released only to proper custody.

Parents/guardians are responsible that their children come to school prepared to learn. This will include, but not be limited to ensuring that children eat breakfast and other regular meals and that they get an appropriate amount of sleep for their age. In addition, parents/guardians are responsible for their child's punctuality, attendance, timely completion of school assignments, cleanliness and propriety of dress.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures and regulations to implement this policy. These regulations shall be communicated in a parent/guardian's native language when necessary.



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