

Parent Involvement Plan Policy**Parent Involvement**

Newaygo Public Schools are committed to the education of students who are well prepared for work, further education and training, and family and civic responsibilities. The staff and parents share a mutual responsibility for improving student achievement. The involvement of parents in the schools promotes higher grades and test scores, better attendance and more completed homework. To have long lasting gains for students, parent involvement activities must be well-planned, inclusive and comprehensive.

The Newaygo Public School District supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of parent involvement plans. Parent involvement plans will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature. They may include, but not be limited to the following components of successful parent and community activities as presented in the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs:

- Regular, two-way, meaningful communication between home and school;
- Promotion and support of responsible parenting;
- Recognition that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning;
- A welcoming atmosphere for parents in the school and active solicitation of parents' support and assistance for school programs;
- Inclusion of parents as full partners in the decisions that affect children and families;
- Use of community resources to strengthen school policy and programs at each school.

The School Board recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. The Board supports professional development opportunities for all Newaygo Public School District staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. The Board supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of plans to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school district. The Board fosters and supports active parent involvement in the schools.

Prior to the start of the school year, each building will submit to the Board the updated building Parent Involvement Plan that includes specific activities related to the components above. District Title I schools will also include the annual Parent Compact. Buildings will publish their plans in annual Back to School communications.

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