

Superintendent File: KB-R

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROCEDURE

Douglas County School District (the “District”) recognizes the importance, shared responsibility, and partnership between family, schools, and community.

No Compelled Statements or Disclosures

No student shall be compelled to identify or otherwise discuss their membership or perceived membership in a protected class, or any other statement that conflicts with their beliefs. In all circumstances, policies that prohibit discrimination, harassment, or bullying shall be applicable to all student interactions.

Open Communication and Disclosure of Information to Parents/Guardians

To build trust with families and maintain their ability to make appropriate decisions regarding their child(ren), the District values and supports open communication and disclosure of information concerning their child(ren), to include parent access to educational materials when requested.

Parent/Guardian Right to Opt Their Children Into “Selected Resources and Activities”

Parents have the right to opt their children into the use of selected resources and activities. “Selected resources and activities” are those resources and activities which are considered “supplementary controversial learning resources” consistent with the definition in Board File Policy IMB but which are not directly related to the attainment of course objectives to meet Colorado Academic Standards. Within this structure, teachers, with the approval of their building administrator, may use “selected resources and activities” that are directly related to the attainment of course objectives.

Parents/guardians who choose to opt their child(ren) into the use of such resources and activities may do so in writing, which may include notice via email. Parents/guardians who do not indicate they are opting their child in or otherwise respond to the notice provided by the teacher will be presumed to consent to their child(ren)’s participation in activities or instruction involving the learning resources in question.

Concerns or complaints regarding a parent’s/guardian’s right to opt their children into “selected resources and activities” shall first be addressed at the classroom or building level. If that does not resolve the issue, the process described in District Policy KEC and its supporting regulation KEC-R, Public Complaints about Learning Resources shall be followed.

LEGAL REF.:

CRS 22-32-142 (1)-(3) Parent Engagement

CRS 22-7-302 (5) Definitions: National Standards for Family School Partnership

CRS 22-7-304 Colorado SACPIE

CRS 22-7-101-107 Educational Accountability Act of 1971

National Standards for Family School Partnerships (National PTA)

CROSS REFS.:

IGA, Curriculum Development

IJC, Instructional Resources

IMB, Selection of Controversial Learning Resources

IMBB and IMBB-R, Exemptions from Required Instruction

KE, Concerns and Complaints

KEC and KEC-R, Public Complaints About Learning Resources

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