Policy 5020: Parent Rights And Responsibilities

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their ~~children~~students.

The Governing Board believes that the district's relationship with parents/guardians is one of mutual support and respect. The Superintendent or designee shall work with parents/guardians, including parents/guardians of English learners, to determine appropriate roles and responsibilities of parents/guardians for continuing the intellectual, physical, emotional, and social development and well-being of their students, including the means by which the district and parents/guardians can help their students achieve academic and other standards of the district.

~~Within this framework, the district's primary responsibility shall be to provide~~The district is responsible for providing a high-quality curriculum and instructional program in a ~~supportive~~safe, supportive, and effective learning environment ~~that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the district~~.

Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their ~~children~~students succeed in school. ~~(Education Code 51100)~~

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that district staff understand the rights of parents/guardians afforded by law, Board policy, and administrative regulation, and follow acceptable practices that respect those rights.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians receive notification regarding their rights, including, but not limited to, their rights in accordance with 20 USC 1232g and 34 CFR 99.1-99.8, the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and as specified in Board Policy~~/Exhibit (1)~~ 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications.

When required by law, Board policy, or administrative regulation, the district shall notify parents/guardians that they may request to opt their student out of certain instruction. Students for whom the district has approved the opt out shall be offered an alternative activity of similar educational value.

The Superintendent or designee shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that all parents/guardians who speak a language other than English are properly notified in English, and in their home language, of the rights and opportunities available to them pursuant to Education Code 48985. (Education Code 51101.1)

The Superintendent or designee may establish a ~~parent center~~center for parents/guardians at a school with a substantial number of students with a home language other than English, to encourage parent/guardian understanding of, and participation in, ~~their children's~~the educational programs. (Education Code 51101.1)