

# SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

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917. PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT	
1. Purpose	The district is committed to the belief that all students can learn and parental involvement is essential. We believe that schools and parents share a commitment to the educational success of children.
2. Definition	Parent and family involvement shall be defined as an ongoing process that assists parents and families to meet their basic obligation as a child's first educator, promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school, and supports parents as leaders and decision-makers concerning the education of their children.
3. Authority	<p>The Board recognizes that the responsibility for each student's education is shared by the school personnel and the family and acknowledges that school personnel and families must work as knowledgeable, cooperative partners to effectively educate all students.</p> <p>To this end, the Board will support the development, implementation, and continuing evaluation of a parent and family involvement program which will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles.</p>
4. Guidelines	<p>The parent and family involvement program shall be comprehensive in nature and may include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support to parents in leadership, decision-making and advisory roles.</li> <li>2. Promotion of clear two-way communication between school personnel and the family about school programs and student progress.</li> <li>3. Assistance to parents and families in developing skills, to support children's educational efforts and to assist their children with learning at home.</li> <li>4. Involvement of parents, with appropriate training, in support roles in the district schools.</li> </ol>