

ABINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ABINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA

BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

REGARDING: **Parent/Guardian Involvement
and Organizations**

Section: **Community Relations**

Approved: October 16, 2019

Supersedes/Amends Policy

See Also: Related SAPs: Parent/Guardian
Involvement and Organizations;
Parent/Guardian Teacher
Organizations/Associations;
Parent/Guardian Involvement in
Athletic Booster Clubs;
Parent/Guardian Involvement for
Title I Programs

Dated: 3/06, 8/08, 12/13/11,
1/24/17

This Policy recognizes the value of parent/guardian involvement in the education of all students.

Involvement with Individual Parents/Guardians

In order to ensure collaborative partnerships between parents/guardians and schools, Abington School District is committed to the following:

- assisting families with understanding child and adolescent development and home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level;
- communicating with families about school programs and student progress through effective school-to-home and home-to-school communications;
- designing recruitment, training, and scheduling to involve families as volunteers and audiences at the school or in other locations to support students and school programs;
- involving families with their children in learning activities at home, including homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions;
- including families as participants in school affairs through PTA/PTO, school

councils, committees, action teams, and other parent organizations; and

- coordinating community resources and services for students, families, and the school with businesses, agencies, and other groups and providing services to the community.

Parent Organizations

Parent Organizations are groups of parents or guardians of District students organized to support and benefit District students in connection with District-related activities. This category includes, but is not limited to, parent/teacher organizations, home and school associations, booster clubs, and educational and cultural groups.

The Board recognizes and appreciates the cooperation and support given by parent organizations to various athletic, extracurricular, and student club activities of the schools.

The Board, the administration, and all other personnel of the District shall each endeavor to foster a positive and productive relationship with parent organizations and shall also support these organizations when they operate to serve the basic educational goals of the District and otherwise support the District's mission. They shall be governed by rules and guidelines established in the accompanying Superintendent's Administrative Procedures.

Exclusion from Liability

The District and its Board of School Directors do not assume any financial responsibility for parent organizations, and it also excludes itself from any liability such organizations may incur.

Compliance

Should any issues of compliance regarding this or other District Policy or Administrative Regulation emerge between a parent organization and the District, the Superintendent shall resolve the situation within established Board Policy and Administrative Regulations.

No parent organization shall engage in any activity outside established Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

The Board may revoke a parent organization's function in District activities if it violates Board Policy, Board Administrative Regulation, Title IX of the U.S. Code, as well as any other applicable state or federal laws and regulations.