

Cottonwood Public School

Parent/Family Engagement Policy

Cottonwood Public School Board of Education holds the philosophy that parents, and the community as a whole, are very important to the success of the school district. In implementation of this belief and in compliance with the State Department of Education standards, the board will involve parents in school activities, utilize parental and community resources in the instructional/learning program of the school facilities before and after regular hours for parent and community involvement.

The board further encourages private employers to give time off to employees who have school-age children for attending parent-teacher conferences at least once each semester. Parents are also encouraged to attend school field trips, Christmas Program and talent shows.

Activities and events are in public view on Cottonwood's web site and Facebook page. Parents are also kept informed of activities and events through electronic texts. Parents can comment and ask questions freely on the Facebook page or call the school. Pictures and information are posted after each event.

Cottonwood also supports parent volunteers.

Cottonwood will use state report cards, state accountability reports and students assessments to evaluate parent/family engagement policy.

The district also supports parent educational programs that provide assistance to parents of children ages 0 through 3.

The board expects an effective system of communication to exist between and among school district patrons, the board of education, administrative staff, teachers, support personnel and students. In the belief that this "open communication" concept should prevail, board members individually, as well as the board as a whole, pledges every effort to maintain open channels for discussion with any person whatever the issue or concern might be.