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The Board of Trustees adopts this policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the district's schools.

PARENTAL RIGHTS

A student's parent or guardian has the right to reasonable academic accommodation from their child's school. For the purposes of this policy only, "reasonable accommodation" means the school shall make its best effort to enable a parent or guardian to exercise their rights without substantial impact to staff and resources, including employee working conditions, safety and supervision on school premises for school activities and the efficient allocation of expenditures, while balancing the parental rights of parents and guardians, the educational needs of other students, the academic and behavioral impacts to a classroom, a teacher's workload and the assurance of the safe and efficient operations of the school.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents or guardians have the right to be involved in helping with their student's timely completion of homework assignments and at-home school projects. Homework may be assigned when it serves an educational objective that can best be accomplished by an out-of-class assignment or activity. In determining the amount of work assigned to students, each teacher should consider the other obligations and time commitments the students have to their family and other organizations.

Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that their student arrives at school consistently and on time. Students are expected to be in attendance at school at least ninety percent (90%) of the time that school is in session. The district motto is "Learning Together Every Day". Attendance is very important. Every child can learn if he/she is in school. Parents or guardians will be notified by written communication if their student exceeds the number of allowed absences from school during the trimester. (See Policy 8110 and Policy 8111)

Parents or guardians are encouraged to be involved with their student's behavior at school or on school-provided transportation in order to maintain a safe and orderly environment at all times. Teachers and administrators will notify parents or guardians when disciplinary action is necessary for their student. The school administrator, teacher, or designee may make the following contacts to the parent or legal guardian:

1. Discipline notices or referrals
2. Telephone contact
3. Parent conference
4. Other written communications (See Policy 8070)

Parents and/or guardians are encouraged to volunteer at their child's school when approved by the child's teacher and the building principal. Volunteers are asked to comply with Policy 7510, Criminal History Checks/ Fingerprinting if they wish or are asked to provide unsupervised contact with students. Volunteering is appreciated at all levels in the District but is not required under any program offered at Snake River School District.

PARENTAL INFORMATION ON COURSE OF STUDY AND LEARNING MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees is legally responsible for the selection of all instructional materials used and courses taught in the school district. As a policy making body, it delegates to professionally trained personnel the authority for the selection of instructional, library, media and technology materials as well as courses to be offered in accordance with

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district policy. Instructional materials shall be non-discriminatory in nature and selected from the state approved Textbook Adoption List. The involvement of teachers, administrators and parents and/or guardians in this process is encouraged. A district committee appointed by the superintendent or his/her designee may select curricular materials and textbooks. The committee shall include parents or guardians of Snake River School District students as well as teachers of pertinent subject matter and administrators. Committee meetings shall be open to the public and committee members will share findings on materials with all who attend. Parents and guardians have the right to inspect the instructional materials and the content of courses taught in the District's schools.

PARENTAL OBJECTIONS TO LEARNING MATERIALS OR ACTIVITIES:

Efforts will be made to select the best possible books and instructional materials to be used in the classroom. In the event that a parent or guardian objects to a specific material, the person registering the complaint shall be requested to fill out a "Patron Request for Reconsideration of Educational Materials or Activities" form (See 6433F). The form is to be signed by the complainant and sent to the superintendent. The superintendent or designee will then review the material and respond within eight (8) working days. The same process will apply to a parent or guardian objection to participation in a classroom activity on the basis that the activity or learning material harms the child or impairs the parent's or guardian's firmly held beliefs, values or principles.

REQUIREMENTS NOT WAIVED

Withdrawing a child from an activity, class, or program required for advancement or graduation under board or state approved curricula does not waive requirements and may result in adverse consequences to the child's education, including but not limited to, ineligibility to advance to the next grade level, ineligibility to enroll in other classes, and/or denial of diplomas or other certificates.

ANNUAL NOTICE

The district shall annually notify parents and guardians of children enrolled in the district's schools of the parent's or guardian's rights as specified above through notification in school handbooks or other reasonable methods.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections
 33- 6001– Parental Rights
 33- 6002– Annual Notice of Parental Rights

ADOPTED: 12/11/2017

AMENDED: