

UNIONTOWN  
AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: 900 COMMUNITY

TITLE: RELATIONS WITH PARENTS

NUMBER: 908

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908 RELATIONS WITH PARENTS	
1. Purpose 24 P.S. 1317	The Board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one that it shares with parents/guardians of the school community. To ensure that the best interests of each student are served in the educational process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained, and parent/guardian involvement encouraged.
2. Authority 24 P.S. 1317	The Board feels that it is the parents who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of students who have reached the legal age of majority; however, are still for all practical purposes, under parental authority. During the school hours, the Board through its designated administrators act in loco parentis or in place of the parents/guardians.
3. Guidelines	The Board directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent-school cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent-teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school.</li><li>• Open houses in District schools to provide parents/guardians the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the faculty, and witness school programs. Each school in the District shall hold an open house at least once per school year.</li><li>• Meetings of parents/guardians and staff members to explain and discuss matters of general interest with regard to their child-school, child-home, or child-school-home relationships.</li></ul>

- Meetings of staff members and groups of parents/guardians of those students having special abilities, disabilities, needs or concerns.
- Special events of a cultural, ethnic, or topical nature, which are initiated by parent groups, involve the cooperative effort of students, staff, and parents/guardians, and are of general interest to the schools or community.

For the benefit of children, the Board believes that parents/guardians have a responsibility to support and encourage their child's career in school through the following actions.

- Require that students comply with all District and school policies, rules, and regulations and accept responsibility for their behavior.
- Send students to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness, and dress.
- Maintain an active interest in the student's daily work and provide appropriate supervision for completion of assigned homework.
- Reading all communications from the school, and signing and returning them promptly when required.
- Cooperating with the school in attending conferences set up for the exchange of information on the child's progress in school.
- Participating in in-school activities and special functions.