

1 908 . RELATIONS WITH PARENTS

2 **1. Purpose**

3 The Board believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents of
4 the school community. To insure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong
5 program of communication between home and school must be maintained.

7 **2. Authority**

8 The Board feels that the parents have the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior,
9 including the behavior of pupils who have reached the legal age of majority, but are still for all practical
10 purposes, under parental authority. During school hours, the Board through its designated administrators
11 acts in loco parentis or in place of the parents.

12 *§ 1317*

13 **3. Guidelines**

14 The Board directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent-school cooperation:

16 parent-teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school.

17 open houses in district schools to provide parents with the opportunity to see the school facilities,
18 meet the faculty and sample the program on a first hand basis. Each school in the district shall
19 hold an open house at least annually.

21 meetings of parents and staff members to explain and discuss matters of general interest with
22 regard to school-child, child-home, or child-school-home relationships.

24 meetings of staff members and groups of parents of those students having special abilities,
25 disabilities, needs, or problems.

27 special events of a cultural, ethnic, or topical nature, which are initiated by parent groups, involve
28 the cooperative effort of students and parents, and are of general interest to the schools of the
29 community.

31 For the benefit of children, the Board believes that parents have a responsibility to encourage their child's
32 career in school by:

34 supporting the schools in requiring that the children observe all school rules and regulations, and
35 by accepting their own responsibility for children's willful in-school behavior

36 sending children to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness and dress

37 maintaining an active interest in the students' daily work and making it possible for the student to
38 complete assigned homework through providing a quiet place and suitable conditions for study

39 reading all communications from the school, and signing and returning them promptly when
40 required

41 cooperating with the school in attending conferences set up for the exchange of information on the
42 child's progress in school

43 participating in in-school activities and special functions.

44 *School Code: § 1317*