

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

The State Board of Education believes that the education of students is enhanced by the involvement of parents and families in their children's education. We advocate strong connections between the home, school, and the community as one means of reducing barriers to student achievement. Studies demonstrate that when parents are involved in their children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are positively enhanced.

Education is an integral part of our society. It is important for all parties to be at the table, providing input and resources to better the learning outcomes for our students. Working in genuine partnerships is mutually beneficial. Developing cooperative efforts and meaningful involvement contribute to improved schools and successful students.

Schools must welcome the public's involvement, and recognize and tap the strengths, dynamism, and resources of all those who wish to participate with the schools in practical and tangible ways. Teacher training institutions also have a responsibility to provide training in family involvement.

The State Board of Education hereby recommends that every school district develop a Family Involvement Plan, which will engage families, educators, businesses, and other community members in education. Such plans will include outreach strategies, related home learning activities, community resources, and supportive school and district policies and actions.

The State Board of Education will disseminate model family involvement plans to assist local districts and school buildings in developing local plans.

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