

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SUBJECT: Concepts And Roles in Community Relations

The Riverside County Office of Education desires to represent the community and provide leadership in addressing community issues related to education. In order to identify community concerns and enlist support for the schools, the County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools shall establish effective two-way communication systems between schools and the community.

Schools, parents/guardians, community members and local organizations must continually collaborate as partners. The County Board and the County Superintendent or designee shall work together with city and county agencies and organizations to promote and facilitate coordinated services for children, and shall seek to develop partnerships with local businesses.

The Board and Superintendent recognize that schools are an important community resource and encourage community members to make appropriate use of County Office of Education facilities. Community members are also encouraged to attend Board meetings, participate in school activities, and take an active interest in issues that affect the schools. The Board and Superintendent or designee shall keep community members well informed about Riverside County Office of Education needs and accomplishments and shall ensure that they have opportunities to share in developing educational policies, programs and evaluation processes.

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 1312 - Complaints Concerning the Schools)
(cf. 1330 - Use of School Facilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)
(cf. 9323 - Meeting Conduct)

The Board and Superintendent recognize that their ability to fulfill the community's expectations for a high-quality educational program depends on the level of support provided by the state and federal government as well as the community. The Board and Superintendent therefore shall study legislative processes and issues, establish ongoing relationships with state and local leaders and the media, adopt positions on key issues, set priorities for advocacy, and collaborate with other organizations and coalitions in legislative and legal advocacy efforts.

(cf. 1112 - Media Relations)
(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1260 Powers to promote advancement of education

35160 Authority of governing boards

35172 Promotional activities