

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

It is the policy of the Bainbridge Island School District to encourage and support family involvement in education at home, in our schools and communities, and in school governance. The district recognizes the diversity of family structures, circumstances and cultural backgrounds, and respects families as important decision makers for their children's education. The district is committed to the creation and implementation of inclusive and effective school-family partnerships and believes these partnerships to be critical to the success of every student.

The district recognizes that family involvement in education has a positive effect on student achievement and is an important strategy in reducing achievement gaps. The intent of this policy is to create and maintain a districtwide climate conducive to the involvement of families and to develop and sustain partnerships that support student learning and positive child and youth development in all schools.

The district is committed to providing opportunities for staff and leadership to enhance understanding of effective family involvement strategies. The district also recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to school-family partnerships.

Further, the district will provide support and guidance to staff and parents as they plan and implement effective family involvement efforts.

The Bainbridge Island School District supports the development, implementation and evaluation of family involvement efforts. To support of the implementation of this policy, a copy will be distributed to all school staff and families. The district will also provide support and guidance to staff and parents as they plan and implement effective family involvement efforts.

Cross References: Board Policy 5430 Volunteers

Management Resources: WSSDA Policy News, October 2008 Family Involvement Policy