

SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS**

It is the policy of the district to provide full access to the parent of any student of the district the opportunity to review textbooks, tests, curriculum and instructional materials, surveys, and records of a student of any such parent, unless prohibited by law. Summary information regarding the district's curriculum, testing, and surveys will be provided at the beginning of each school year. Requests for access to specific instructional materials should be addressed to the teacher or building principal.

Requests by parents to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions and other instructional activities shall also be made to the building principal or teacher. While requests to monitor are usually granted, if the request is denied, reasons for the denial will be provided.

It is the policy of the district to provide as consistent an experience as possible in all classroom instruction, testing, surveys, and other school experiences. It is the policy of the district not to excuse students from classroom instruction, testing, and other school experiences unless an objection is submitted to the building principal or teacher outlining the specific experience, the basis for the objection and a proposed solution for dealing with the objection that would be satisfactory to the parent.

The request for the student to be excused will be reviewed by the building principal and a decision provided to the parents. While verbal objections and decisions are valid, written follow-up to verbal communications is required from the parent and the principal. If a student is excused from the requested activity no penalty will be assessed but an agreed upon alternative activity must be performed to the satisfaction of the teacher and principal.

It is the policy of the district to use only testing methods and testing instruments that are generally recognized by educational professionals to be within sound educational standards and both educationally and academically appropriate. It is the policy of the district to notify parents of any standardized testing that may be scheduled within the school district.

It is the policy of the district to notify parents of any survey which may be scheduled and to conduct student surveys judiciously, with full consideration of the fact that parents may find items of the survey objectionable.

The parent or guardian of a student may have access to that student's records during normal business hours of the district according to Policy 507.01 Student Records Access.

It is also the policy of the Scottsbluff Public Schools to implement programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in Title I programs consistent with the Title I laws, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Such programs, activities and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating schools.

This policy is adopted following a public hearing to receive public comments and suggestions.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-530 to 533

Cross Reference: 507.01 Student Records Access  
606.03 Objection to Instructional Materials  
611.04 Parent Conferences  
1002 District Annual Report  
1005.01 Public Complaints

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