

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
FAMILY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP	POLICY 413

Purpose

To set the Board of Education's (Board) expectation in supporting an organizational culture that invites, encourages, engages, and enables the community and families to participate in the success of public education in Frederick County.

Policy Statement

The Board acknowledges that a child's education is a shared responsibility of the school, family, and community during the entire period the child participates in school. The Board further recognizes that the mutually supportive relationship among home, school, and community contributes to the development of both the child and the community. Schools, families, students, and the community are expected to work as knowledgeable partners to accomplish the mission of the PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships to successfully educate all students.

Community Involvement

The community represents a source of support as well as an important resource for schools and families. The Board values regular, meaningful two-way communication with the community, high levels of cooperation with community agencies to provide services for students, and the support and involvement of the business community.

It is the expectation that Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) conscientiously strive to involve families of children of all ages and grade levels in program planning, decision-making, and advising with a focus on the effectiveness and influence of family and community engagement.

Legal Reference	<i>Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 2015</i>		
	§ 9.9, Education Article, <i>Annotated Code of Maryland</i> , "Community Schools"		
Source Documents	FCPS Regulation 400-86 <i>Volunteers in Schools</i>		
	FCPS Regulation 400-76 <i>Volunteer Involvement: Computer-Related Technology Guidelines</i>		
	<i>Maryland Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated State Plan</i> , revised September 17, 2018 http://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Documents/ESSA/ESSAMDSUBMISSIONConsolidatedStatePlan091718.pdf		
	<i>Maryland's PreK – 12 Family Engagement Framework: A Shared Responsibility</i> http://marylandpublicschools.org/parents/Documents/MDPreK12FamilyEngagementFramework2016.pdf		
	U.S. Department of Education, Family and Community Engagement https://www.ed.gov/parent-and-family-engagement		
	PTA National Standards for Family-School Partnerships https://www.pta.org/docs/default-source/files/programs/national-standards-for-family-school-partnerships/national_standards.pdf		
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