

BRITTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy No. 5124 - Communication with Parents/Guardians

Because parents/guardians have a right to be informed about their child's academic achievement and may use this information to support student learning, the Governing Board encourages frequent communication to parents/guardians about student progress. The principal and teacher may communicate by means of conferences, class newsletters, mail, telephone, school web pages and/or school visits by parents/guardians.

As part of this communication, teachers shall send progress reports to parents/guardians at regular intervals and shall encourage parents/guardians to communicate any concerns to the teacher. In addition, the district shall send parents/guardians all notifications required by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that appropriate means of communication are established whenever he/she learns that a parent/guardian, for any reason, may not be able to understand written communications from school or oral communications made during conferences related to the student's program, assessment, progress or school activities.

As needed, the Superintendent or designee shall use interpreters who are fully competent in the specialized method of communication needed for effective communication with disabled parents/guardians.

The Superintendent or designee shall also use interpreters for parents/guardians who do not understand English, shall provide progress reports in the primary language of the parent/guardian, and/or shall identify appropriate means of communication with such parents/guardians when the percentage of students reaches 15%.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a procedure whereby parents/guardians may request an interpreter and shall inform parents/guardians about this procedure.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48985 Notices in language other than English

49067 Mandated regulations regarding student achievement

49069 Absolute right to access (parents' right of access to student records)

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 State-funded programs or activities

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d - 2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

12101 - 12213 Americans With Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.104 Definitions; auxiliary aids and services

35.130 General prohibitions against discrimination

35.160 Communications

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.4 Discrimination prohibited

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