

Communications with the public

School/Parent Relations Goals

It is the goal of the North Canaan Elementary School to foster relationships with parents to encourage cooperation between the home and schools in establishing and achieving common educational goals for students.

While parents are individually responsible for their children, the district provides direct services of education and responsibility for students during the time they are within the supervision of school personnel. Consistent with these shared responsibilities, members of the school staff will consult with parents regarding student progress and achievement, methods to enhance student development, and matters of mutual concern that address student needs.

In addition, parental involvement in the schools is encouraged through regular communication with the school principal and staff, the parent/teacher organizations, the school volunteer program, and other opportunities for participation in school activities and programs.

Positive parental involvement can be achieved by:

1. consulting with and encouraging parents to share in school planning, in setting objectives, and in learning about and evaluating programs;
2. helping parents understand the education process and their role in promoting this process;
3. providing for parent understanding of school operations;
4. providing opportunities for parents to be informed about their child's development and the criteria for evaluating this development;
5. making available opportunities to meet with school staff regarding issues of concern.

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