

VENANGO TECHNOLOGY CENTER

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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<p>910. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of community engagement is to create a collaborative environment in which students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged and invited to be involved stakeholders in the school community. Such engagement strengthens broad-based community support for the center’s mission, goals, operations and educational programs.</p>
<p>2. Definition</p>	<p>Community engagement is defined as an ongoing collaborative process in which the center works with the public to build understanding, guidance, and active support for the education of students in the community.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>The Joint Committee endorses the concept that community engagement is essential for the center and the community to maintain mutual understanding, respect and trust, and to work together to improve the quality of education for students. The Joint Committee intends, through this two-way communication, to identify the community's concerns, needs and suggestions, and to be responsive to the community through the actions of the Joint Committee.</p> <p>The Joint Committee also recognizes that the public offers resources of training and experience useful to the center. The quality of the center’s operations and programs can be strengthened when these resources are used in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>The Joint Committee, with assistance from the administration, shall determine the appropriate strategy when utilizing the community engagement process.</p> <p>The Joint Committee, in consultation with the Director, shall identify a team of individuals who will be responsible for developing, implementing and delivering a community engagement program.</p> <p>After the community engagement process is concluded, the Joint Committee shall make the final decision regarding an issue.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The Joint Committee shall annually assess the effectiveness of the community engagement program.</p> <p>The Joint Committee directs the administration to develop and implement a planned program of community engagement that regularly provides opportunities for students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses and community organizations to participate in dialogue and decision-making related to school issues.</p> <p>The administration shall develop and use varied, effective communication methods to ensure that all community members receive information about the center's programs and the available opportunities to become actively involved.</p> <p>The Joint Committee and administration shall give substantial weight to the input received from the community. When evaluating the community's suggestions, the Joint Committee and administration will consider the impact on the center's goals, operations, programs, and financial resources. Recommendations made by the community shall not reduce the authority or responsibility of the Joint Committee, which may accept or reject such recommendations.</p> <p>The center shall communicate to the community the decision of the Joint Committee and its rationale regarding an issue involving community engagement.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1850.1</p>
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