

Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The purpose of the community relations program is to establish and maintain **communication** that informs the public and involves them in the **educational** goals and **programs** of the school.

Authority

To achieve this purpose, the Joint Operating Committee shall provide **students**, parents/guardians and other residents opportunities **to receive** information and orientation regarding **the school and the vocational programs**. **The Joint Operating Committee** will utilize all appropriate means and media to achieve **its public relations** objectives.

Guidelines

The objectives of the school's public relations program shall be to:

1. Explain the programs, achievements and needs of the school.
2. Determine what **students**, residents, **business, and industry** expect from the school **and what they want to know about the** school's programs **and** operations.
3. Keep **students, parents/guardians and** staff members fully informed **about relevant Joint Operating Committee policies and procedures and their own responsibilities and rights**.
4. **Communicate factual information to avoid rumors and communication crises**.
5. **Involve students, parents/guardians and the community in discussions regarding education programs, student activities and Joint Operating Committee policy**.
6. Operate in public session, as speedily and efficiently as circumstances permit and with **appropriate** public participation.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)
7. Recognize students **and their achievements**.

Delegation of Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of all staff to:

1. **Acquaint parents/guardians and residents with the educational achievements of the school, students and staff**.
2. **Give courteous and thoughtful consideration to all inquiries and suggestions and carefully investigate all complaints**.
3. **Make parents/guardians, volunteers and visitors feel welcome in the school and in the classroom**.
4. **Cooperate with parent-teacher and other community groups**.
5. **Maintain student relations that encourage the cooperation of the parents/guardians**.
6. **Maintain interstaff relations conducive to high morale that merit the respect of students and community members**.

Legal	1. 65 Pa. C.S.A. 701 et seq
	2. Pol. 006
	3. Pol. 903