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Purpose

The **Joint** Operating Committee believes that the education of **students** is a joint responsibility **that is** shared with parents/**guardians**. To ensure that the best interests of **each** student are served in **the educational** process, a strong program of communication **and cooperation** between home and school must be maintained, **and parental involvement encouraged**.^[1]

Authority

The **Joint** Operating Committee feels that it is the parents/**guardians** who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's behavior in school, including the behavior of **students** who have reached the legal age of majority but are still, for all practical purposes, under parental authority.

Delegation of Responsibility

During school hours, the **Joint** Operating Committee acts in loco parentis, or in place of the parents/**guardians**, through its designated administrators.^[2]

Guidelines

Parents/Guardians are requested to keep the school staff apprised of changes in the home situation that may affect a student's conduct or performance.

The **Joint** Operating Committee directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage cooperation **between** parents/**guardians** and the school:

1. Parent-teacher conferences to permit two-way communication between home and school.^[3]
2. **An** open house in **the** school to provide parents/**guardians** the opportunity to see the facilities, meet the faculty and **witness school** programs.
3. Special events of a cultural, ethnic or topical nature **that** are of general interest to the **students or** community **residents**.

The **Joint** Operating Committee believes that parents/**guardians** have a responsibility to **support and** encourage their child's career in school **through the following actions**:

1. Require that **students** observe all **Joint Operating Committee policies and** school rules and regulations and accept responsibility for **their** behavior.
2. Send children to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness and dress.
3. Maintain an active interest in the student's daily work **and** provide **appropriate supervision for** completion **of** assigned homework.
4. Read, sign and return promptly all communications from school, when **requested**.
5. Attend conferences set up for the exchange of information on the **student's** progress.^[3]
6. Participate in school activities and special functions.

Legal	1. Pol. 917
	2. 24 P.S. 1317
	3. Pol. 212
	Pol. 235