

Communicating with the Public

The Board of Education (Board) will keep the community informed of the status of the schools through advertised public meetings, press releases and such other means as may be appropriate.

The public information program of the Board and the district shall be directed by the Chief School Administrator (CSA), who shall arrange to keep the public informed regarding the policies, administrative operations, objectives and successes or failures of the schools and shall provide interpretation and explanation of the schools' plans and programs. All public information programs shall be consistent with the goals of our schools and Board and all Board approved instructional guides.

The following information shall be communicated to the public as required by law; the district's budget, annual goals and its progress towards achievement of them, special education plans, basic skills improvement plan, Bi-lingual/ESL program, pupil progress toward achievement of the Core Curriculum Standards, graduation statistics and any other information as appropriate and approved by the legislature of New Jersey and the Board.

The Board's meetings and records shall be a matter of public information except as such meetings and records pertain to individual personnel and other classified matters.

Each year by September 30, the CSA shall oversee the compilation of a report card of each school district that includes all statistical information specified by the State Department of Education and any additional information required by federal law. The report card shall be made available to the media and other interested members of the school community via the Department of Education and the school district's website.

Key Words

Communicating With The Public, Public Information Program, Press Releases

Legal References

- Legal References:
- N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Open Public Meetings Act
 - N.J.S.A. 18A:7E-2 through -5 School report card program
 - N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. Examination and copies of public records ("Open Public Records Act")
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1(a)3 Curriculum and instruction
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.1 et seq. Budget Review and Approval
 - See particularly:
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3 Commissioner to ensure achievement of CCCS
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.4(a)1 Evaluation process for the annual review
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting Requirements
 - N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.2 School-level planning

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

Possible

- Cross References:
- *1000/1010 Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
 - *1120 Board of education meetings
 - *2240 Research, evaluation and planning
 - *3570 District records and reports
 - *5124 Reporting to parents/guardians
 - *6142.2 English as a second language; bilingual/bicultural
 - *6142.6 Basic skills

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Other Reasons

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*6142.10	Technology
*6171.1	Remedial instruction
*6171.3	At-risk and Title 1
*6171.4	Special education
*6300	Evaluation of the instructional program

* Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual

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