

Board of Education Parental Involvement Hearing
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:30 PM Monday, August 14, 2023
Junior High Conference Room
800 West 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

"It is the mission of McCook Public Schools to equip all students to succeed in a complex global society"

Please arrive at the Board meeting at the start time, because the Board reserves the right to change the order of items.

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. Roll Call
2. Public comments
3. Adjournment of public hearing

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS

Involvement in Schools

The McCook Public School District hereby finds and declares: That parental involvement is a key factor in the education of children; that parents need to be informed of educational practices affecting their children; and that the school district should foster and facilitate, to the extent appropriate, parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Along these lines:

1. Textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in this school district are, and shall be, available for review by parents at school upon request. Since textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials constantly change, and may be discarded when no longer needed by the school district, parents wishing to review such items must govern their requests accordingly.
2. Parents wishing to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities must obtain prior approval of and from the proper teacher, counselor, or administrator, or they will be asked to leave. Parents attending or monitoring courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities with prior approval who, by their conduct or presence interfere with the educational process or constitute an interference with school purposes, will be asked to leave.
3. The school district will excuse students from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences, upon parental request, only under circumstances required by law. Parental requests must be in writing and submitted to the proper teacher and administrator a reasonable time prior to the testing, classroom instruction, or other school experience, and must be accompanied by written proof, acceptable to the school district, that the action is required by law. A plan for an acceptable alternative shall be approved by the proper teacher and administrator prior to, and as a part of, the granting of any parent request.
4. Parents and others will be provided access to records of students according to law (e.g., Family Education Rights & Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §123g or §79-4, 157, R.R.S., et seq.).

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Involvement in Schools (cont.)

5. To assure proper measurement of educational progress and achievement, testing shall occur in this district. District staff shall determine appropriate methods of testing and frequency of occurrence.

6. Participation in surveys of students shall occur in this district from time to time when determined appropriate by district staff for educational purposes. Notification to parents will be made prior to a survey being taken. Parents may remove students from such surveys only under circumstances required by law. Parental requests must be in writing and submitted to the proper teacher and administrator a reasonable time prior to the survey, and must be accompanied by written proof, acceptable to the school district, that the action is required by law.

This policy is adopted following a public hearing to receive public comments and suggestions.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-530 to 533