NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY AGGIE ACADEMY

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

I. Parents' Vital Role in Involvement in Student's Education and Activities

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Aggie Academy recognizes the critical role of parents in educating children and in schools. Aggie Academy will develop programs to promote and support parental involvement in student learning and achievement at school and at home. Parents are encouraged to learn about the educational programs, the educational goals and objectives of Aggie Academy, and their own child's progress. Aggie Academy also encourages parents to participate in activities designed by school staff to involve them, such as parent conferences, in order to encourage effective communication.

II. Parental Involvement Plan

Aggie Academy's principal will develop a parental involvement plan as a part of the school improvement plan. This plan must include, at a minimum, efforts that meet the requirements established in this policy. In addition, the plan must include ways to enhance parental involvement in the following areas:

- (1) frequent and meaningful two-way communication between home and school;
- (2) involvement of parents and guardians in student learning;
- (3) involvement of parents and guardians in school decisions that affect children and families;
- (4) parent information, training and resources;
- (5) promotion of student health awareness; and,
- (6) promotion of voluntarism and community collaboration.

As used in this policy, "parent" includes parents, legal guardians, and legal custodians of students who are under 18 years old and are not married.

III. Parent Communication and Conferences

Aggie Academy encourages school personnel to regularly contact parents for commendations as well as for notification of concerns. Principals or designees shall plan for periodic communication with parents using a variety of methods. Teachers must schedule conferences with parents.

The principal or designee shall make reasonable efforts, through oral or written communication or other means, to include the parents of students identified as at-risk in the implementation and review of academic and/or behavioral interventions for their children in accordance with the Students at Risk of Academic Failure policy.

The principal or designee shall provide the parent of each Aggie Academy student with written notification of the student's reading progress. The notice will be provided three times a year, following each benchmark assessment and will include:

- (1) assessment results;
- (2) whether the child may not reach reading proficiency by the end of third grade; and
- (3) instructional support activities for use at home.

IV. Parental Notification and Opportunity to Withhold Consent/Opt Out

Each principal or designee of a Title I school shall effectively notify parents of all parental rights and other required information regarding Title I schools and programs, in accordance with federal law. A copy of the Title I Parent and Family Engagement policy and the Aggie Academy Parent Involvement Plan shall be made available to parents of students in Title I schools.

The principal shall effectively provide annual notification to parents regarding their rights related to student records, surveys, and other information required by local, state or federal law, and/or Aggie Academy policy. Notification must include information about parents' right to opt out of the release of student directory information about their child for school purposes or to outside organizations, including military recruiters or institutions of higher education, participation in certain curricula related to health education, among other information specified by law and/or school policy.

Any parent who wishes to opt out/withhold consent must do so in writing after receiving notice. Otherwise, consent to the programs or activities is presumed. After the annual notification, Aggie Academy is not required to provide further notice to parents as to the manner in which student directory information is used, the curriculum is provided, or guidance programs are made available.

V. Parental Permission Required

Written parental permission is required prior to certain activities, including but not limited to, the administration of medications to students by school employees, the release of student records not considered directory information, off-campus trips, and student participation in high-impact or high-risk sports or extracurricular activities.

The principal shall develop written guidance for school personnel that includes a complete list of required parental notifications, opportunities to withhold consent and parental permission requirements.

Adopted: Original Effective Date:

Legal References:

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 6301 *et seq.*; 34 C.F.R. Part 200

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. 1232h; 34 C.F.R. Part 98

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, 15 U.S.C. 2641 et seq.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 1758; 7 C.F.R. Part 245; 42 U.S.C. 1758b

National School Lunch Program, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq., 7 C.F.R. Part 210.12

- Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. 7905; 34 C.F.R. 108.9; 20 U.S.C. 7908
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-21.1
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 95-28.3
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-47(47)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-47(51)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-47(54)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-47(58)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-81.25
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-105.41
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-109.1
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-174.11
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-174.26(d)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-307(c)
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-375.4
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-390.2
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-391.1
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 115C-407.16

Statewide Implementation of Formative & Diagnostic Reading Assessments Grades K-3, State Board of Education Policy KNEC-002,

Parent/Family Involvement, State Board of Education Policy PRNT-000

Test Administration in Public Schools, State Board of Education Policy TEST-001