

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS

The School has determined that mutually beneficial partnerships with Board will set goals and standards for school community relations and will regularly evaluate its relationship with the public and its programs for achieving good communication and good relations with parents, community organizations, the businesses, volunteers and parents is essential to achieving its strategic goal that all Albemarle County public school students will graduate having actively mastered the life-long learning skills they need to succeed as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens. and industrial sector, and the community at large.

Through an active and on-going its school-community outreach and engagement relations programs, the Board seeks to better align curriculum and student skill and character development with performance capabilities and requirements that promote post-graduate success for students. will aim toward leading the community to accomplish the following:

The School Board will regularly evaluate community outreach and engagement programs to ensure they are broadening public knowledge and recognition of educational programs and those programs meet the needs of a diverse population and create value for school and community partners.

The purposes of such a program shall be:

- A. Show a high interest in the schools and participate in their activities. The community should be an active partner by contributing time, effort, and talent to engage in cooperative planning for school operations and program improvements, to review goals of education in its schools, to observe educational processes, and to gather evaluative data so that it can make informed judgments. To encourage outside organizations and volunteers to show a high interest in schools and to support and participate in their activities and improvement plans. This should include the development of a process to share ideas and receive advice and counsel on shared priorities.
- B. Place a high priority on education and make available the funds for an educational system that supports learning for all children. This support will allow the school system to offer educational services that are designed to develop 21st Century skills to meet the needs of a growing diverse population. Generate and increase opportunities for outside organizations and volunteers to provide resources that promote greater access to education services and hands-on learning for all students. These opportunities should include classroom visits and discussions.
- C. Establish partnerships with the schools to enhance learning opportunities. To make available education in the community that supports what is done in the schools. If schools are to attain their goals, the community must engage in extensive school-industry cooperative education, employ youth and provide on-the-job training and retraining after school is over, and involve all its interactive agencies in offering educational opportunities that will continue

~~throughout life.~~ Expand and promote experiences through partnerships for teachers and students to conduct research and participate in learning beyond the school day. These experiences should include mentoring, field trips, internships, on-the-job training and cooperative education program offerings.

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