

**CHAPTER: COMMUNITY RELATIONS**  
**TITLE: PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION**

The Calhoun County Board of Education believes that parental involvement at all levels of public education is an essential element in the success of the school system and of each individual student. The development of a cooperative responsibility between the home and the school will serve to nurture and encourage the respective efforts of the educators and the parents.

Goals of fostering Parent Involvement are:

1. Increase awareness and understanding of school/county goals.
2. Increase involvement in education decision making.
3. Increase support of schools.
4. Increase ownership in the importance of educating children.
5. Improve student achievement.
6. Improve staff morale.
7. Improve school/home/community relations.
8. Improve sense of cooperative responsibility for the success of the educational program.
9. Improve student attendance.
10. Improve student motivation.
11. Improve student self-esteem.
12. Improve student behavior.
13. Increase awareness of parenting skills.

It is necessary to provide training to teachers, parents, and administrators in ways to provide a two-way communication system that includes feedback mechanisms for parents and school staff. Also, parents and educators need to be trained to develop skills in becoming partners in how to become active decision makers in the education process, and how to develop activities for parents to assist their children at home.

All schools will disseminate a satisfaction survey to parents annually to enhance parental involvement in the schools. All schools will develop a plan of action based on the results of the survey. This process will identify the county school system's strengths and weaknesses and indicate the areas where improvement is needed.

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