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# **SOUTH PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## **PARENT/GUARDIANS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The South Pasadena Unified School District Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of district students have certain rights as well as responsibilities related to the education of their children. The Board believes that the education of the district's students is a shared responsibility. Within this framework, the school's primary responsibility shall be to provide a high quality curriculum and instructional program in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables all students to meet the academic expectations of the school. Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with the schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their child succeed in school. (Board Policy 5020(a); Education Code 51100-51101)

Parents/guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the right and should have the opportunity:

- To observe the classroom or classrooms in which their child is enrolled.
- To meet with their child's teacher or teachers and the principal of the school in which their child is enrolled.
- To volunteer their time and resources under the supervision of district employees, including, but not limited to, providing assistance in the classroom with the approval, and under the direct supervision, of the teacher.
- To be notified on a timely basis if their child is absent from school without permission.
- To receive the results of their child's performance on standardized tests and statewide tests and information on the performance of the school that their child attends on standardized statewide tests.
- To request a particular school for their child, and to receive a response from the school district. This paragraph does not obligate the school district to grant the parent's request.
- To have a school environment for their child that is safe and supportive of learning.
- To examine the curriculum materials of the class or classes in which their child is enrolled.
- To be informed of their child's progress in school and of the appropriate school personnel whom they should contact if problems arise with their child.
- To have access to the school records of their child.
- To receive information concerning the academic performance standards, proficiencies, or skills their child is expected to accomplish.
- To be informed in advance about school rules, including disciplinary rules and procedures pursuant to attendance, retention, and promotion policies, dress codes, and procedures for visiting the school.
- To receive information about any psychological testing the school does involving their child and to deny permission to give the test.
- To participate as a member of a parent advisory committee, schoolsite council, or site-based management leadership team.
- To question anything in their child's record that the parent feels is inaccurate or misleading or is an invasion of privacy and to receive a response from the school.
- To be notified, as early in the school year as practicable if their child is identified as being at risk of retention.

Parents/guardians of pupils enrolled in public schools have the responsibility for:

- Monitoring attendance of their children.
- Ensuring that homework is completed and turned in on a timely basis.
- Participation of the children in extracurricular activities.
- Monitoring and regulating the television viewed by their children.
- Working with their children at home in learning activities that extend learning in the classroom.
- Volunteering in their children's classrooms, or for other activities at the school.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their own child or the total school program.