

**I. DEFINITION**

For the purposes of this policy, the words "parent/patron" is defined as natural parent, adoptive parent, legal guardian, grandparent, or any other school district resident who would like to be involved.

**II. PHILOSOPHY**

Parental/patron involvement is encouraged throughout the district because it fosters parent-teacher communication, the individual child's education and social development, and builds community support for the schools. By working with children in the classroom or otherwise assisting the teacher or principal, parents/patrons can become more knowledgeable of educational techniques generally and their own child's specific educational progress.

**III. STANDARDS**

- A. Parents/Patrons may be invited into the classroom at the teacher's and school administrator's option.
- B. Parents/Patrons may assist with non-class room activities and duties at the school administrator's option.
- C. Parent/Patrons interested in participation shall attend orientation sessions.
- D. In the classroom, Parents/Patrons may help work with children under the teacher's direction and supervision.
- E. Parents/Patrons may also assist the teacher with classroom activities and materials preparation.
- F. Classroom instruction is the exclusive responsibility of teacher.
- G. Classroom discipline is the exclusive responsibility of the teacher.
- H. Parents/Patrons are expected to keep observations they make confidential.
- I. Parents/Patrons may be asked to leave the school premises at any time and, if asked, should do so promptly.