

6.10.045-P Communication with Parents/Guardians, Interpretation and Translation Services

The Portland Public School District is committed to ensuring an equal educational opportunity for every student. The district's mission is to "support all student's in achieving their very highest educational and personal potential..." The district's Strategic Plan presents a framework of core values, strategic objectives and strategies to guide the district's efforts in fulfilling its mission.

According to research, a key component in helping students succeed is parental involvement in education. Therefore, communication with parents and guardians is integral to achieving the district's mission and can help them make well-informed decisions concerning their children's education. To improve parent/guardian and community participation in the educational process and to ensure equal educational opportunity to every student, the Portland Public School District shall develop procedures and processes to communicate with parents and guardians in a language they can understand.

To achieve this goal, the superintendent will implement procedures that:

- (1) Identify the parents/guardians who are not able to communicate in English;
- (2) Utilize a variety of methods for ensuring adequate communication with parents and guardians who do not understand English. The methods used will be tailored to the type of communication and may include written translations, oral interpretation, the use of community resources and other methods that result in effective communication;
- (3) Review the effectiveness of this policy and any administrative directives or procedures every two years when the district revises and submits its Consolidated Improvement Plan (CDIP) to the Oregon Department of Education.

Legal References: OCR Case No. 10011167, Agreement to Resolve, 11/20/01; ORS 659.150

History: Adpt 4/8/02