



901 COMMUNITY EDUCATION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to convey to employees and to the general public the important role of community education within the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The School Board affirms a strong commitment to the community education program. The School Board welcomes, and strongly encourages use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled elementary and secondary programs. The school administration must strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the school district service area.
- B. Educational needs and interest of area residents should be determined periodically.
- C. Community resources and expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded community education program.
- D. Area residents should be encouraged to actively participate in program opportunities.

III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. The council shall assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.
- B. The membership of the community education advisory will include a cross section of the communities served by the school district. Efforts should be made to include people with a variety of ages, talents, organizations and interests.
- C. Bylaws of the community education advisory council shall provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings and such other matters as deemed necessary and appropriate.
- D. The council will periodically review programs and services to maximize relevance, participation and reduce duplication.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124D.19, Subd. 1 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.20, Subd. 1 (Community Education Revenue)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)

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