

**BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**

Rationale

In order to establish collaboration between neighborhoods and schools, the schools must develop and expand effective community involvement programs. Increased involvement in all schools by civic, business, university, college, and parent groups will create a positive bond, a tie that will produce a stronger educational system and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Brunswick.

Policy

The Brunswick public school system supports effective, continuing community involvement at all levels in every school. Schools will encourage this involvement, providing communication and training, decision-making and collaboration, in an effort to implement the school system's goals and to realize the plans of individual schools.

The Concept of Parent/Community Involvement

The Brunswick public school system recognizes that parent, community, business, and higher education involvement are critical to student development and to success in learning. The promotion of partnerships can lead to improving children's welfare and to improving scholastic achievement. In addition, inter-agency collaboration and community partnerships can provide essential support for school programs through human and physical resources and funding. The school system also recognizes that other city agencies play a critical role in supporting our goals, particularly in the areas of health and social services.

Research shows that schools in all communities are capable of mobilizing parents and the ongoing support of those parents will reinforce the schools' curricular goals.

Each school in the Brunswick School Department providing services to Title I students will develop a parent compact.

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