



'A'ole pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'ohāki

Connections Public Charter School
A Community, Business & Education Learning 'Ohana

PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Connections Public Charter School's (CPCS) Governing Board recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal of CPCS's Governing Board to educate all students effectively, schools and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

Although parents are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the school's commitment to the educational success of their children. CPCS, in collaboration with parents, shall establish programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families.

To this end, CPCS's Governing Board supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of parent involvement programs. The implementation will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles, including input in decision-making processes and practices. The parent involvement program will be comprehensive and coordinated in nature. It will include, but not be limited to, the following components of successful parent involvement programs:

- Communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning, including successful achievement of the Hawaii Content and Performance Standards, and the transition to Common Core Standards.
- Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.
- Parents are partners in the decisions that affect children and families.
- Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
- Parents support consistent attendance and readiness to learn.

CPCS's Governing Board shall implement administrative guidelines that support professional development opportunities for staff members to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. CPCS's Governing Board recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

Engaging parents is essential to improved student achievement and to realize the Vision of a Public School Graduate.