

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
FAMILY/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP	SECTION 413
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413 Family/Community Partnership

The Board of Education of Frederick County acknowledges that a child's education is a shared responsibility of the school, family, and community during the entire period the child participates in school. The board further recognizes that the mutually supportive relationship among home, school, and community contributes to the development of both the child and the community. Schools, families, students, and the community are expected to work as knowledgeable partners to accomplish the mission of Maryland's Plan for Family, School, and Community Involvement to successfully educate all students.

In supporting this philosophy, the board has an expectation that schools create and maintain an organizational culture that invites, encourages, engages, and enables families to participate in their children's education. Equally, it is an expectation that schools must conscientiously strive to involve families of children of all ages and grade levels in program planning, decision-making, and advising with a focus on the effectiveness and the influence of family and community engagement.

The community represents a source of support as well as an important resource for schools and families. It is an expectation that schools initiate meaningful two-way communication with the community, establish high levels of cooperation with community agencies to provide services for students, and actively encourage the support and involvement of the business community.

Finally, it is an expectation that all schools include strategies contained in Maryland's Plan for Family, School, and Community Involvement in their School Improvement Plans.