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The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognize that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that continued parental involvement in the education of children contributes greatly to student achievement and conduct. Parents/guardians can directly affect academic success by reinforcing their children's motivation and commitment to education.

Teachers and parents/guardians can better understand and meet student needs if they work together. All of our schools and programs have a duty to communicate frequently with the home and to help parents/guardians develop skills which support classroom learning. Administrators and teachers should keep parents/guardians well informed about school expectations and advise them when and how they can assist their children in support of classroom learning activities.

The County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall ensure that appropriate means of communication are established whenever he/she learns that a parent/guardian, for any reason, may not be able to understand written communications from school or oral communications made during conferences related to the student's program, assessment, progress or school activities.

The County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall also use interpreters for parents/guardians who do not understand English, shall provide progress reports in the primary language of the parent/guardian, and/or shall identify appropriate means of communication with such parents/guardians.

The County Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall establish a procedure whereby parents/guardians may request an interpreter and shall inform parents/guardians about this procedure.

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools encourage staff training in effective communication with parents/guardians.

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United States Code, Title 29  
*794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504*  
United States Code, Title 42  
*Civil Rights Act of 1964*  
*Americans With Disabilities Act*