



Colorado State Advisory Council on Parent Involvement in Education (SACPIE)

The What, Why, and How of Partnering with Families

Joint Education Committee
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What is SACPIE?

- Legislation
- Members
- Objectives
- Activities
- Goal
- Standards



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A Legislated Council

- ◆ In 2009, the Colorado General Assembly found that it was in the *best interests of the state to create a **state advisory council for parent involvement in education** that will review best practices and recommend to policy makers and educators strategies to increase parent involvement... thus helping...raise the level of student achievement throughout the state.* (C.R.S. 22-7-301(2), 2012)



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Includes Members Who Represent...

- ◆ Parents and School or District Accountability Committees
- ◆ Non-Profit Organizations That Promote Families Who:
 - ◆ Have Students with Disabilities
 - ◆ Are Underserved
 - ◆ Need Support
- ◆ Early Childhood
- ◆ Statewide Organizations For:
 - ◆ Counselors
 - ◆ Teachers
 - ◆ School Executives
 - ◆ School Boards
 - ◆ Charter Schools
 - ◆ Parents and Teachers
- ◆ CDE
- ◆ Higher Education (CCHE)
- ◆ Human Services



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Works Toward Three Objectives

1. Inform stakeholder groups about best practices for promoting family-school partnerships.
2. Recommend statewide family partnership initiatives.
3. Seek funding to develop a grant program.



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Supports...

- ◆ **Implementing programs to involve families in:**
 - ◆ Improving their child's academic achievement.
 - ◆ Partnering in Response-to-Intervention (RtI).
 - ◆ Improving graduation and persistence in higher education.
- ◆ **Developing opportunities to support partnering such as:**
 - ◆ Offering parent education and leadership trainings.
 - ◆ Creating family-to-school liaison positions.



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Strives To Achieve an Overarching Goal

- ◆ To partner with Colorado's families in maximizing the potential of every student by:
 - ◆ Reducing dropout rates.
 - ◆ Reducing gaps in academic achievement and growth among student groups.
 - ◆ Increasing the number of students who continue into higher education.



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Aligns with the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships

1. Welcoming All Families into the Community
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with the Community (PTA, 2008)

SACPIE's 7th Standard: Providing Professional Development and Pre-Service Training for Administrators and Teachers



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Why Schools Should Partner with Families?

Time
Research
Laws



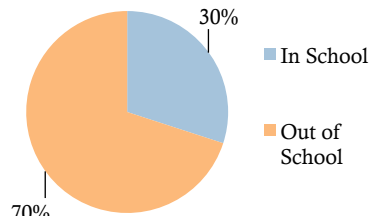
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Time Coordinated Learning Between Home and School

Students Spend More Than 70% Of Their Waking Hours Outside of School.

(Clark, 1990; Callender & Hansen, 2004)

During School Years (Waking Hours)



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Student Achievement Improved by Families and Schools Working Together

- ◆ The teaching condition with the strongest connection to high student achievement is *Community Support and Involvement* – whether parents/guardians in the community are engaged, influential, and supportive of teachers and schools – across all school levels. (Colorado TELL Survey, 2011)
- ◆ Forty years of research has found that when families and schools partner, students have higher achievement, complete more homework, come to school more often, and stay in school longer. (Esler, Godber, & Christenson, 2008)



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Laws Informed by Research, Focused on Results

- ◆ Federal:
 - ◆ Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
 - ◆ Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
 - ◆ Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
- ◆ Colorado:
 - ◆ Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) (S.B. 09-256)
 - ◆ Education Accountability Act (S.B. 09-163)
 - ◆ Educator Effectiveness (S.B.10-191)
 - ◆ READ Act (H.B. 12-1345)



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How Does SACPIE Support Partnering Throughout the State?

Focus on The Students We Share



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SACPIE Supports Best Practices ...

- ◆ Applying research and laws to practice
- ◆ Sharing knowledge and responsibility among educators, families, and communities
- ◆ Using data to make decisions



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SACPIE Supports Best Practices ...

SACPIE Website

- ◆ CDE, Commissioner of Education Webpage
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/SACPIE/index.asp>
- ◆ Home
- ◆ About Us
- ◆ Meetings, News, and Trainings
- ◆ Resources: CDE, Member Contributions, Websites, Articles
- ◆ Quick Links



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Thank You!

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