

**COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT****POLICY: SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS****DATE ADOPTED:** October 21, 2003**POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the Colchester School District to encourage the involvement of the community in its schools. An effective community outreach program is a necessary component of a School District's organization and operation. Therefore, the Board will provide the means necessary to develop and implement such a program. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for developing a community relations program.

Date Warned: August 1, 2003  
First Reading: August 5, 2003  
Second Reading: August 19, 2003  
Third Reading: October 21, 2003

**PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES**

The School District's community outreach program should:

1. create a planned, systematic, two-way communications process between the Board and the school community;
2. encourage a better understanding of the objectives, accomplishments and needs of the School District within the community;
3. create opportunities for school involvement through volunteerism; business/organizational partnerships, sponsorships, internships and other joint projects;
4. use a variety of media including but not limited to meetings, letters and e-mail, circulars, web sites, seminars, publications, communications media, and personal contacts;
5. provide the channels necessary for resolving grievances and eliminating misunderstandings;
6. inform concerned persons as to their rights, privileges and responsibilities.