
Parent/Family Involvement and Community Schools Policy 4.207

The Background:

Public Chapter 968 of the 108th General Assembly created the Tennessee Community Schools Act (codified at T.C.A. §§ 49-6-2401 through 49-6-2406). A community school is a traditional school that actively partners with its community to leverage existing resources and identify new resources to support the transformation of the school to provide enrichment and additional life skill opportunities for students, parents, and community members at large.

The Tennessee Community Schools Act, T.C.A. § 49-6-2405(a) states that: “The state board of education and the department shall support and encourage LEAs in the creation of community schools. All policies, guidelines, and rules and regulations adopted by the state board pursuant to this part shall actively foster the formation, development and operation of community schools. Such policies, guidelines, or rules and regulations shall permit teachers to receive in-service credit for teaching classes for parents, such as parenting classes, at the community school outside of normal school hours.”

This policy change proposes to add the requirement that teachers be permitted to receive in-service credit for teaching classes for parents at community schools into the current Parent/Family Involvement policy, re-naming the policy “Parent/Family Involvement and Community Schools”.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.