

Mounds View Public Schools Ends and Goals Regulation

EG-2110 Community Education

The following provisions will regulate the Community Education program:

Community Education Advisory Council

The Community Education Advisory Council may establish standing committees to provide input in specific areas such as Early Childhood Family Education, Senior Citizens, and Youth Development.

The Council will consist of: representatives of standing committees and of community and government agencies; and School District citizens interested in Community Education programs and services.

Programs and Services to be Provided

Adult Basic Education (ABE)

The Adult Basic Education program serves adults 16 years of age and older who have less than a secondary education or corresponding skills and are not enrolled in a regular day school program. Classes are designed to help the adult 1) increase self-esteem and personal productivity, 2) get a job or become a more productive employee, and 3) better meet his/her responsibilities as a family member, citizen and consumer. All classes and services are free.

Adult Enrichment

Adult enrichment classes will open windows of learning to individuals and families, encouraging each to explore new challenges, develop new interests, and pursue learning for life.

Computer Learning Center

The Computer Learning Center offers a variety of classes for both beginning and experienced computer users. The courses are designed to provide training in the use of current software. Learning opportunities are available for home and business computers users.

Early Childhood Family Education

The Early Childhood Family Education Program is designed for parents and their children from birth to kindergarten enrollment. It is based on the recognition that the home is a child's first learning environment and that parents are a child's primary and most influential teachers.

The central goal of the program is to enhance the competence of parents as they provide the best possible environment for their children. This is done through parent-child classes, field trips, special one-time events and a toy and book lending center.

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Emergency Food Shelf

The Emergency Food Shelf serves District residents who demonstrate need and proof of residence. Clients may use the Food Shelf every thirty days. The food shelf runs totally on cash and food donations from local schools, churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals.

Family Learning Program

The Family Learning Program is a cooperative effort between the Early Childhood Family Education and Adult Basic Education programs. This comprehensive program accepts families who want family education services and parenting information while working on their own educational skills. Goals include helping parents raise their educational level and improve their parenting skills, increasing the developmental skills of the children and improving the relationship between parent and child.

Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center provides information and services for parents who have children-newborn through adolescence. Services include a lending center with books, magazines, brochures and videotapes which contain information on such topics as child development, adoption, stress and suicide, single parents and sexuality. The center serves as a clearinghouse for other parenting services that are offered in the District, and also sponsors parent education classes like S.T.E.P. and personal growth workshops.

Senior Citizens' Services

Community Education in cooperation with the cities within the School District provides many programs for the older population. Services available include: home delivered meals, senior dining, transportation, information and referral, volunteer opportunities, classes and programs, and a monthly newsletter.

Youth Development

Community Education creates an annual Youth Development Plan providing opportunities for young people to enhance their physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development.

Youth Service Learning

Youth Service Learning provides significant services to the community and school, while providing valuable experiences for District young people. It will be integrated with the academic curriculum thus extending student learning beyond the classroom and into the community.

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Fee; Fee Reduction/Waiver

Enrichment class fees are designed to cover the cost of the instructor. Upon request, the Community Education Department will make every effort to waive or reduce class fees for District residents unable to afford them.

District residents 60 years and older may attend enrichment classes for half of the regular class fee.

Early Childhood Family Education: Fees are established on a sliding scale. No one will be turned away for inability to pay class fees. Fees can be reduced or waived for District residents by contacting the program coordinator.

Community School Usage

The Mounds View School District encourages the use of schools by all residents in the community, as outlined in School Board Policy #1330. Groups must obtain an approved permit prior to usage.

Duplication of Services

Unnecessary duplication of services will be avoided by:

- maximizing community resources
- inter-agency networking
- opportunities for community problem-solving
- commitment to establish only those programs which meet assessed community needs not currently being provided for by existing programs

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