

## **SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS**

The School has determined that mutually beneficial partnerships with community organizations, businesses, volunteers and parents is essential to achieving its strategic goal that all Albemarle County public school students will graduate having actively mastered the life-long learning skills they need to succeed as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, workers, and citizens.

Through an active and on-going community outreach and engagement program, the Board seeks to better align curriculum and student skill and character development with performance capabilities and requirements that promote post-graduate success for students.

The School Board will regularly evaluate community outreach and engagement programs to ensure they are broadening public knowledge and recognition of educational programs and those programs meet the needs of a diverse population and create value for school and community partners.

The purposes of such a program shall be:

- A. To encourage outside organizations and volunteers to show a high interest in schools and to support and participate in their activities and improvement plans. This should include the development of a process to share ideas and receive advice and counsel on shared priorities.
- B. Generate and increase opportunities for outside organizations and volunteers to provide resources that promote greater access to education services and hands-on learning for all students. These opportunities should include classroom visits and discussions.
- C. Expand and promote experiences through partnerships for teachers and students to conduct research and participate in learning beyond the school day. These experiences should include mentoring, field trips, internships, on-the-job training and cooperative education program offerings.

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Legal Refs: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.C.4.