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Parent and Guardian Involvement In Education Practices

Teachwell Solutions recognizes the importance of parental and guardian involvement in the education of their children. Teachwell Solutions will take the following steps to ensure that the rights of parents and guardians to participate in the education of their children are preserved.

Parental Access to Curricular Materials

Parents/Guardians will be provided access, as described in Teachwell Solutions procedures, to Teachwell Solutions-approved textbooks and other curricular materials and tests used in Teachwell Solutions upon request. A parental request to review specific approved textbooks and other Teachwell Solutions- or building-approved curricular materials (written, visual, and audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the textbooks and curriculum materials are used. Parents may check out textbooks and may review curricular materials such as video and audio recordings within a time frame determined by the building principal to prevent disruption of the instructional process.

Parental Access to Tests

A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion- referenced tests used in Teachwell Solutions should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in Teachwell Solutions will be available for parent review. The parent shall be provided with access to the assessment in a secured environment no later than forty-five days after the request is received.

Attendance of Classes and Other Activities

Parents/Guardians will be permitted, within Teachwell Solutions procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities. Parents/guardians are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental/guardian observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically disruptive and will not be permitted absent unusual circumstances, in the sole discretion of the building principal. Parents/guardians may contact the

building principal to request permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.

Excusal from School Experiences

Parents/guardians will be permitted, within Teachwell Solutions procedures, to ask that their children be excused from school experiences that parents find objectionable. Building principals may excuse a student from any single school experience at the parent's written request. When appropriate, alternative experiences will be provided for the student by the school.

Notices to Parents

Parents/guardians will be informed through the student handbook and Teachwell Solutions policies of the manner that Teachwell Solutions will provide access to records of students. Parents/guardians will be informed of the standardized and criterion-referenced Teachwell Solutions testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.

Parents/guardians will be informed of the circumstances under which they may opt-out of state and federal assessments. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, Teachwell Solutions shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this policy to parents/guardians of students attending schools receiving Title I funds. Teachwell Solutions will provide a copy of this policy to a requesting parent in a timely manner.

State and National Assessments

Teachwell Solutions cannot approve requests to opt out of state assessments. South Dakota law does not provide an avenue for such requests

National Assessment of Educational Progress

As a condition of receiving federal funds, Teachwell Solutions participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help ensure that Teachwell Solutions has a representative sample of students taking the NAEP, which will allow Teachwell Solutions to assess the quality and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, Teachwell Solutions strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However, student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

Teachwell Solutions shall provide parents/guardians of eligible students with reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered. Parents/guardians wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP assessment must notify Teachwell Solutions in writing at least three days prior to the exam date to ensure that Teachwell Solutions can coordinate supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted out.

Removal from Surveys

Parents/guardians will be notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to Teachwell Solutions participation in surveys. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents/guardians may restrict their child from participating in any survey.

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