

**EASTERN
WESTMORELAND
CAREER &
TECHNOLOGY CENTER**

SECTION: COMMUNITY
TITLE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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<p>910. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of community engagement is to create a collaborative environment in which students, parents/guardians, families, residents, businesses, and community organizations are encouraged and invited to be involved stakeholders in the school community. Such engagement strengthens broad-based community support for the center’s mission, goals, operations and educational programs.</p>
<p>2. Definition</p>	<p>Community engagement is defined as an ongoing collaborative process in which the center works with the public to build understanding, guidance, and active support for the education of students in the community.</p>
<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee also recognizes that the public offers resources of training and experience useful to the center. The quality of the center’s operations and programs can be strengthened when these resources are used in an advisory capacity.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The administration shall develop and use varied, effective communication methods to ensure that all community members receive information about the center’s programs and the available opportunities to become actively involved.</p>
<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee and administration shall give substantial weight to the input received from the community. When evaluating the community's suggestions, the Joint Operating Committee and administration will consider the impact on the center’s goals, operations, programs, and financial resources. Recommendations made by the community shall not reduce the authority or responsibility of the Joint Operating Committee, which may accept or reject such recommendations.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1850.1</p>