

ARTICLE 1: COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Communication With The Public

Introductory Statement

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The board of education of Gage County School District No. 34 believes that an informed and actively involved public will be supportive of school purposes and programs. To that end, the superintendent of schools is directed, through his or her personal action and through the delegation of his or her authority, to encourage patron attendance at all public meetings of the board of education, student events, and other school programs, utilizing in a timely manner the local media and school news letters, calendars, and mailed announcements. Moreover, the superintendent of schools is directed to issue to the board of education and to make available to the patrons of the school district the following reports:

- I. A summary of the standardized norm-referenced assessment instruments used by the school district as they have been administered to students in selected grades.
- II. A summary of such criterion-referenced assessment instruments as are used by the school district to show acquisition of competencies in reading, writing, and mathematics and any other criterion-referenced assessment instruments that the school district may from time to time elect to use.
- III. A report pertaining to the school district including but not limited to student performance, school system demographics, and financial information.
- IV. The results of periodic follow-up studies of information as the superintendent of schools, subject to the approval of the board of education, may deem appropriate.

School officials shall report this information through publication in newspapers of general circulation, by school newsletters, radio, or by such other means as deemed appropriate by the board of education for the dissemination of the information and at such time that the information is appropriate for public dissemination.

A summary of these materials shall be available for public review in the office of the superintendent of schools during normal office hours.

Nothing herein shall be construed to mean that the public shall have access to information which would violate any state or federal law or which would violate the privacy of any student or any employee of this school district.

Legal Reference:	§79-526	Board Authority for Supervision and Control.
	§79-526	Public Meetings.
	§79-531	Parental Involvement, Public School District, Adopt Policy.
	§84-712	Public Records, Free Examination.

§84-1408

Open Meetings Law.

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