

**District:** Greenville Public School District  
**Section:** K - General Public Relations  
**Policy Code:** KCB - Community Involvement in Decisionmaking

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION MAKING**

"The public has every right to observe the process, but not to control the proceedings."

Community participation in the affairs of the schools is an important facet of achieving improved quality of education for the students. Therefore, the board intends to make every effort to identify the desires of the community and to be responsive to those desires.

Citizens of the district will be encouraged to express their ideas, concerns, and judgments about the schools through (1) written suggestions or proposals, (2) presentations at hearings, (3) responses to surveys made through interviews, written instruments, (4) comments at meetings of the board, and (5) service on citizens' advisory committees.

The advice of the public will be carefully considered. In the evaluation of such advice, the first concern will be the educational program as it affects students.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

1. The governing authorities of the county, counties or city in which a school district is located and the school board of each school district shall develop a five-year plan to encourage community involvement with the schools in such district. Districts meeting the Highest Levels of Performance as defined by the State Board of Education, shall be exempted from the provisions this section.' 37-7-337.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard for this policy is standard 12.

## **AD VALOREM TAXES**

As it relates to Ad Valorem Taxes, this district shall comply with all applicable provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Sections 37-57-105, 37-57-107, and 27-39-207.

When an advertisement is required under this section, it shall be in the form set forth in Section 27-39-207, and shall include the following language:

- "Any citizen of Greenville Public Schools is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken."

## **BOND REFERENDUM**

As it relates to Bond Referendums, this district shall comply with all applicable provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Sections ' 37-59-11

## BUDGET ADOPTION

Prior to the adoption of a budget pursuant to this section, this school board shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing will be held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice. After final adoption of the budget, a synopsis of such budget in a form prescribed by the State Department of Audit shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district on a date different from the date on which the county or any municipality therein may publish its budget. ' 37-61-9 (3)

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## CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT / THE SCHOOL SAFETY ACT OF 2001

For information related to student conduct, disciplinary action, and the School Safety Act of 2001, please refers to MS CODE ' 37-11-55 and sample policy JCB Code of Conduct.

LEGAL REF.: MS CODE as cited

*Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards*

CROSS REF.: Policies KB Public Information Program

KBA Public"s Right to Know

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