1. **Purpose**
   The Joint Operating Committee believes that the education of students is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents. To ensure that the best interests of the student are served, cooperation must be maintained between the home and the school.

2. **Authority**
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   The Joint Operating Committee feels that it is the parents who have the ultimate responsibility for their child's behavior in school; however, during school hours the Joint Operating Committee and designated administrators act in place of the parents.

3. **Guidelines**
   The Joint Operating Committee directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent/school cooperation:
   
   1. Parent/Teacher conferences.
   2. Open Houses - Each center shall hold an Open House at least annually.
   3. Orientation Night - New students and their parents.

4. **Delegation of Responsibility**
   The Joint Operating Committee believes that parents have a responsibility to encourage their child's career by:
   
   1. Instructing the child to observe school rules and regulations.
   2. Sending the child to school with proper attention to health, personal cleanliness and dress.
   3. Maintaining an active interest in the student's daily work.
   4. Providing a suitable place and conditions for study at home.
   5. Reading, signing and returning all communications from the school.
   6. Attending conferences with teachers and administrators.
   7. Participating in school activities and special functions.

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