

Phoenix-Talent School District 4

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The People and Their School District

The public schools belong to the people. The people govern the schools under rights guaranteed to them under the Constitution and Statutes of our State. The people exercise their proprietorship through the elective process. They elect state and federal representatives who establish, through the Legislature and the Congress, the framework of law within which the schools operate. The people elect a school board to represent them and to determine local educational plans and policy and to establish publicly endorsed educational goals and objectives. The Phoenix-Talent School District functions as an agency of the public within this framework.

The Board is mindful that the people are the ultimate governors of public education and the Board is directly accountable to the people through the elective process, but the Board also believes that accountability is a shared responsibility involving students, teachers and other employees, the Superintendent of Schools, and the people themselves as well as the Board of Education.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)