

## **INSTRUCTION**

### Optional Education Program (OPEPO)

The Port Townsend School District is committed to providing quality educational program options for its students. In keeping with this commitment, the district has established the Optional Education Program (OPEPO), grades 1–6.

Central to this multiage program's success, is active parent involvement in supporting the district's learning goals, assisting in program decision-making and participating in program activities and fundraisers. Through active teacher-parent partnerships and the collaborative efforts of program participants (students, teachers, parents and families), the program will reinforce and demonstrate the outcomes of family and small community learning.

In keeping with the district's value for diversity in learning and the learning environment, the grade level groups will represent, as much as possible, the diversity of learners: cognitive development, academic skills, social-emotional development, gender, ethnicity, and special needs.

Given the district's student placement procedures and commitment to diversity are maintained, the siblings of program participants will be given program enrollment priority if there is an opening at the appropriate grade level.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent/designee to establish procedures for the implementation of this policy.

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