

Riverside Elementary School

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2021-2022

PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Our school shall:

Involve parents in the joint development and review of plans for improvement of schools by:

Annually convening a committee to assess the parent involvement program,

discussing the Learning Compact, and the Parent Involvement Policy

Conducting ongoing evaluations of the content and effectiveness of policies

to increase participation of parents through:

- An Annual Needs Assessment
- Gathering Parent/Guardian Feedback
- Ongoing communication with parents, school faculty and administration
- Reconvening of the Parent/School Planning Committee

Build the capacity for strong parent involvement by:

Providing

- Ongoing professional development and training workshops
- Materials designed to strengthen the parent and school connection
- Analyzing distributed communications to ensure, to the extent possible, that information sent home is in a language and form that parents can understand

Identifying and addressing barriers to greater participation giving particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, disabled, ELL, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background through:

- Discussions with families to determine ways to meet individual needs
- An Annual Needs Assessment
- Coordination/Collaboration with ELL teachers

Disseminating information regarding the National Education Goals, State Content and Performance Standards, state and local assessments.

Conducting other activities, as appropriate and feasible, that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their children through:

- Events such as S.T.E.M. and Literacy Week
- Special events at Title I schools for students, parents, and families

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Promote shared responsibility for high student performance by:

Developing School Learning Compacts that outline how parents, school staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement. This will be accomplished through the annual review process.

Providing the support necessary for parents to build and develop a partnership with schools to help children achieve the state's high standards by:

- Providing professional development
- Providing parent workshops
- Providing information to parents about strategies, techniques, and materials to use with their child

Coordinating and supporting parent and community participation to improve student achievement by:

- Providing easy access to teachers (email, phone, class Dojo) and materials
- Providing at-home activities for parents to participate in the shared responsibility for learning (book bags, math flash cards, etc.)
- Conducting "Parent Days" (opportunities for parents to participate with child)

Coordinating and integrating parent involvement strategies with other federally funded programs by:

- Promoting attendance at conferences and workshops
- Coordinating workshops that address areas such as Title I, Parent Involvement, Safe and Drug Free Schools, and other federally funded programs

Involve parents in decisions regarding federal funding allocations by:

Involving parents in determining how federal funds reserved for parent involvement will be allocated for parent involvement activities through:

- Annual Parent Orientation meetings
- Distribution of surveys and evaluations to parents
- Annual convening of parent/school planning team