



Rigdon Road Elementary

School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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What is Title I?

Rigdon Road Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Rigdon Road Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Rigdon Road Elementary School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

Rigdon Road Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Rigdon Road Elementary School also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?

All parents at Rigdon Road Elementary School are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Rigdon Road Elementary School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Plan is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, Rigdon Road Elementary School will send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Parent Meeting. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school or on the school's website at any time.



District Goals

A School-Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

School’s SMART Goals:

By Spring of 2019, 100% of staff will be trained on 2 of classroom PBIS and 70% will use modules in their classroom efficiently.

By Spring of 2019, 100% of the staff will be trained on writing process and 90% of teachers will use the process in their class efficiently.

What is a School Parent Compact

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Rigdon Road Elementary School and our families will develop a School Parent Compact. A School Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Art/Room. A copy will also be kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.

Parent and Family Engagement Activities at Rigdon Road Elementary School

Rigdon Road Elementary will host the following events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting (August/September)

Come and learn about our Title I program including: Parental and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School - Parent Compact, and the parents’ requirements. Invitations will be sent home, on the school’s website, on the marquee, and through Connect-Ed Message.

SIP, School-Parent Compact, and Parent Involvement Policy Review (August/September)

Smart Goal #1 Workshop (Fall/Spring)

Review discipline data and establish a reward/recognition program.

Smart Goal #2 Workshop (Fall/Spring)

Enjoy an evening of fun building to help student process content.

Let’s Jump to it! “Georgia Milestones” testing is right around the corner. (March)

Parents will be given strategies on assisting their students with the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Academic Parent Workshop Session (March)

Catch up with the latest resources and strategies to help support parents in student learning.

Switching Tracks: Transition activities for Pre-K to Kindergarten and Elementary to Middle School (April /May)



What is Parent and Family Engagement?

Rigdon Road Elementary School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Rigdon Road Elementary School believes:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and included in the decision-making of their child's education.



Assistance to Parent Contact

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Rigdon Road Elementary School is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child.

Please contact Ms. K. Lindsey at (706) 565-2989

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Rigdon Road Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school's marquee
- Conduct staff development twice a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
- Partner with daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
- Share information in English and Spanish in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities through Connect-Ed, marquee, newsletters, flyers, drive by stand, and website.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards
 Rigdon Road Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTA Standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

Rigdon Road Elementary School invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. The team will meet one time (spring) during the school year, but parents can share ideas and suggestions during all activities, workshops and events as well as through surveys. If you would like to learn more about the School Community team, please contact at 706-565-2989 or complete the form and leave in Main office.

School Community Team

Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team

Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team

Yes, this sounds like a great Idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name_____

Child’s Name and Grade_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____

Email Address_____

Parent Comments

All parents at Rigdon Road Elementary School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback if there is any part of the Parental Involvement Policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement. Please send your comments, feedback or suggestions to the school office.

Parent Name_____

Telephone Number_____

Comments or Suggestions
