

**Riverbend Elementary School
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**Riverbend Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
and Plan for Shared Success
2021-2022 School Year
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What is Title I?

Riverbend Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Riverbend Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Riverbend Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Riverbend Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Riverbend Elementary School invites all parents to attend a parent and family engagement input meeting, in the spring, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, school comprehensive needs assessment and the family engagement budget. Additionally, our school welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and make paper copies available to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our Family Nights.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Riverbend Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school's website, emailed through Infinite Campus, presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school's front office. Parents can also get a copy of the plan in the Parent Information Center.

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District Goals

- By the end of FY22, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance.
- By the end of FY23 (with FY22 being the baseline year), the percentage of students in each subgroup meeting "Proficient" levels of performance on local assessments (Elementary - MAP/Beacon, Middle/High - Common Benchmark Assessments) will increase by 2%.
- Increase the percentage of referred students who access school-based mental health services by 2% each year (with FY21 being the baseline year).

Riverbend Goals

- By the end of the FY22 school year, RES will increase by 3% the number of students reading at or above appropriate grade level in Grades K-5, as measured by Fountas & Pinnell BAS or DRA.
- By the end of the FY22 school year, RES will have 90% of students master 90% of their required math facts in Grades 1-5, as measured by Hall County Schools Math Fluency Benchmarks.
- By the end of FY22 school year, 90% of 5th grade students will be able to write an organized opinion piece.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Riverbend Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, and posted on the school's website. The school-parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need a copy.

Parent & Family Involvement Program & Activities

Riverbend Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- **Open House August 5 2021**
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.
- **Annual Title I Meeting - October 14, 2021 10am and 5:30pm**
We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, Title I budget, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed, sent via Remind, sent through IC Message, and date posted on the school marquee.
- **Literacy Night - October 14, 2021 @ 6:00pm**
Helpful literacy tips offers ways for parents & family to help their students become more successful.
- **Parent Interest Meeting "Technology" - December 2, 2021 @ 6pm**
Catch up with the latest resources we have available to help support your child's learning.
- **Family Math Night - January 20, 2022 @ 6pm**
Helpful math tips offers ways for parents & family to help their students become more successful.
- **Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting - March 24, 2022 @ 10am and 5:30pm**
A forum for parents and family members to discuss with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school parent compacts, and the family engagement budget for the following school year.
- **Family Science Night - March 24, 2022 @ 6pm**
Families will participate in Science experiments and activities. Materials will be sent home to support fun learning opportunities at home.
- **Parent, Teacher and Student Conferences - On-going**
All parents will be invited to attend at least one meeting to discuss their student's progress. ASA classes will conduct student-led conference.

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Parent and Family Engagement

Riverbend Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that...

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Riverbend Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with transportation and child care in order to participate in our programs. 770-534-4141 or donna.wiggins@hallco.org

Riverbend Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will...

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish, and posted on the school website, and included in the monthly Riverbender newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Publish Teacher Newsletters in English and Spanish. The school website is available to parents seeking to understand the school's academic standards and assessments. In addition, it provides ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, flyers, Infinite Campus, and Remind.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child at home to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Partner with local Pre K programs and middle schools to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from family members at all events, place feedback/input forms in the building and on the school website.
- ✓ Use Canvas professional modules four times a year to train school personnel. Strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement will be provided through these modules.

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Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Riverbend Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. The 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

Riverbend Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions during activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal, Donna Wiggins at 770-534-4141 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.

School Community Team

_____ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team.

_____ Please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team.

_____ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

