

Riverbend Elementary School
Schoolwide Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2020-2021

Growing together as a community of learners, every day in every way.

I. Philosophy Statement of Title 1

Riverbend Elementary School will follow the Haywood County Parent Involvement Policy that recognizes that involvement of parents in their children's education has been demonstrated to increase student success and to result in better schools. Both system and school parent involvement policies will be provided to parents annually.

II. Procedures for Parents to Become Decision Makers and Learners

- A. Parents are made to feel welcome in our school and to become active participants in their child's education by being informed of their child's participation in the Title 1 Program. Parents will be informed of the objectives and methods implemented in the program and receive information about state curriculum and state and local assessments in a format and language they can understand.
- B. Parents are invited to attend an annual Title 1 Meeting (to coincide with Riverbend's Grade Level Parent Nights).
- C. Parents are given opportunities to be involved in the planning, review and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and schoolwide program.
- D. Parent activities (such as Grade Level Parent Nights, Panther PAC meetings, music programs) and workshops (such as for volunteers and tutors) will be coordinated and integrated with other programs when available and will be offered using flexible scheduling (morning, afternoon, evening).
- E. Additional workshops will be conducted as indicated by need or interest. Articles and/or brochures that address ways parents can help their children be more successful in school, are sent home, made available in the office, and provided on Riverbend's website.
- F. With navigating through this pandemic/COVID year, many opportunities have been modified to allow virtual meetings/presentations, and/or drive-thru parent events.

III. Procedures for Parents to Become Teachers and Supporters

- A. Parents are encouraged to communicate through the use of agenda books, phone calls, parent conferences, parent newsletters, and progress reports. These methods of communication provide opportunities for parents to make suggestions and be a part of decisions relating to their child's education. Parents are aware of student accountability at all grade levels.
- B. Parents are invited to become active participants in their child's school and education by becoming members of the Panther PAC, becoming school volunteers and tutors, and/or by serving on Riverbend's or Haywood County's Parent Advisory Councils.
- C. Parents and students will receive a grade-specific School-Parent Compact for Achievement outlining the responsibilities of the teacher, the home and the student, in order to promote and sustain student success.
- D. Parents have access to a variety of informational resources through articles and links found on Riverbend's website.
- E. Parents and Grandparents are invited for lunch and other special occasions throughout the year.
- F. Parents and teachers will be informed of the value and benefits of building successful partnerships between home and school.
- G. See F. in II. above.