



# Riverwood Elementary Optional School Family Engagement Plan



The Riverwood Elementary Family Engagement Plan was developed jointly with parents to establish expectations for parental involvement and to define the commitment of the school toward providing parents with the skills and information necessary to help their children achieve academic excellence.

## Parental Commitment

**Riverwood parents will act as advisors, resource persons, and coordinators in the following ways:**

- Supporting our school's efforts to maintain a safe and respectful environment
- Encouraging their child to solve conflicts peacefully
- Supporting our school's efforts to help their child achieve academically
- Assisting their child with homework and special projects
- Providing frequent and meaningful attention to help their child reach their full potential in school and in life
- Maintaining ongoing communication including attending parent/teacher conferences
- Actively participating in parent organizations, School Based Decision Making Council and other committees and trainings
- Responding to memos, surveys and questionnaires expressing their ideas and/or concerns
- Using their talents and resources to enhance Riverwood's instructional program
- Becoming Riverwood Elementary School supporters and advocates within their community

## ESEA Commitment

**The Elementary & Secondary Education Act requires that Riverwood parents, administrators, staff, and community members work together to plan for and ensure high quality academic programs in the following ways:**

- Making parents and community members aware of ESEA and Riverwood's participation in state and federal programs
- Providing timely information to families about program and policies administered under ESEA guidelines
- Encouraging parents to observe and volunteer in the school's programs and classrooms
- Providing parents with ongoing, current student information and progress reports
- Soliciting ongoing feedback and suggestions from parents on decisions relating to the education of their children
- Providing parents with copies and explanations of the Family Engagement Plan and Parent/Student/School Compact
- Assisting parents in understanding Riverwood's school curriculum, assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet

## School Commitment

**Riverwood Elementary will encourage families to become meaningfully engaged in their child's education by doing the following:**

- Inviting all parents to annual meetings (at flexible times) to inform them of Title I requirements, the school's participation in Title I, and the rights of parents to be involved in the school
- Conducting regular and flexible parent meetings, to keep parents informed of current events and issues, timely progress reports, and parent/teacher conferences
- Involving parents in jointly developed revisions of the School Improvement Plan, Family Engagement Policy, Parent/School Compact and other documents and programs relating to their child's academic instruction
- Eliminating language barriers for limited English proficiency parents by providing written and verbal communication in their primary language if necessary
- Encouraging parents to meet the challenges of raising happy, successful children by offering diverse parent trainings and workshops, based on parental needs
- Providing a Family Resource Center with a lending library of books, videos and materials to be checked out and used at home to support in school learning
- Distributing Parent/Student Handbooks, Family Engagement Plans, and Parent/School Compacts and acquiring appropriate signatures
- Listening to those we serve, our parents and our students, to help gain insight into the hearts, minds, and cultures of our families; and use this information to develop and administer programs and policies that positively affect our students' school experience

**I have read and support the Family Engagement Policy**

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