



North Riverside Elementary
Parent and Family Involvement Policy
2020-2021

Parent and Family Involvement means the participation of family members in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning, social-emotional development and other school activities.

Statement of Purpose:

The faculty and staff believe family and community partnerships are important to improve school opportunities for our students. As a campus, we are committed to:

- Respecting families as partners in the education of their children
- Expecting high academic achievement for all students
- Working to build leadership capacity in staff, students and families
- Promoting family involvement through shared leadership and decision-making
- Establishing open communication and trust between the school, communities and families
- Addressing the needs and barriers of our highly diverse student population
- Maintaining a highly-qualified faculty and staff

Family Involvement in Developing the Policy

North Riverside Elementary stakeholders will share in the responsibility of the development, review and revision of the Family Involvement Policy. Stakeholders may include but are not limited to parents, family members and school personnel. The review and revision process will take place at the end of every academic year (April-May) in preparation for the upcoming year.

Family Involvement Opportunities

North Riverside Elementary values collaboration of school/family partnerships in their child's education. There are many ways families can make a significant contribution to student success at home and school. The following opportunities are available to all stakeholders:

- Meet the Teacher
- PTA Meetings/Programs
- Social Events
- Classroom Volunteers
- Educational Parent Workshops
- Curriculum Nights
- Leader in Me Events
- Open House
- Music Grade Level Programs/Performances
- Theater Performances
- Field Day
- Field Trips
- Campus Educational Improvement Committee (CEIC)

Reservation of Funds

North Riverside sets aside at least 1% of its Title I funds for the purpose of supporting its Family Involvement program. The administration regularly consults with the Campus Educational Improvement Committee (CEIC) regarding the use of funds designated for Family Involvement.

Annual Meeting

North Riverside will hold the Teacher/Curriculum Night during the first 4 weeks of the school year. During the meeting:

- Title I Program is discussed and school performance is reviewed
- Parent and Family Involvement Policy will be distributed, discussed and reviewed
- School curriculum and assessments used to measure student progress will be discussed
- Opportunities for family involvement will be presented and explained

School-Family Compact

North Riverside faculty and administration will work with families to annually develop, review, and revise the School-Family Compact. This compact will identify the responsibilities of the school to provide high-level curriculum and instruction, the family expectations to provide support in their student's learning, and students' expectations to take personal ownership and responsibility of their learning. The compacts will be posted on the school website, sent home with students, and discussed at the first parent-teacher conference.

Evaluation

With the involvement of families, North Riverside will conduct an annual survey to determine the success of its Family Involvement Policy on the level of participation and perception. The survey utilized will be the Measureable Results Assessment (MRA) from The Leader in Me. The survey will include identifying barriers to greater participation by families. The school will use the results to collaborate on more effective family involvement and revision of the policy, if needed. Evaluation procedures include:

- Input from the campus CEIC members
- Annual survey of families to determine barriers and level of participation in the program
- Use survey results to create goals and to develop/implement strategies to improve the program

Conclusion

North Riverside is committed to the academic and social emotional success of all students. We will collaborate with our families and community to monitor the effectiveness of our Family Involvement and Title I Program.