

Richland Middle School  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2020-2021  
(Parents reviewed and approved on September 9, 2020)

*Statement of Purpose*

The purpose of the Richland Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy is to promote a highly effective working partnership among families and staff. Richland Middle School is committed to build capacities of the school staff, as well as the capacities of parents, families, and community members, to work together as equal partners to succeed in improving achievement for all students.

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*Goals*

- Richland Middle School will promote regular, two way communication between home and school
- Parents, families, educators, and community members assist in improving student achievement by supporting family involvement in the education of their children
- Richland Middle School will provide a safe and open atmosphere for parents and families to visit the school their children attend and to actively encourage parent and family support and assistance for school programs.

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- Richland Middle School will respond to such barriers as language, culture, education levels and work schedules of parents and families that may limit opportunities to participate fully in the education of their children
- Parents and families support their children's learning at home and in school and serve as their children's advocate
- Richland Middle School will disseminate information to parents on all required Title 1 notifications, including an annual meeting to inform parents of Richland's participation and requirements for Title I.

Richland Middle school will also engage with parents in the following ways:

1. Engage parents and families in meaningful ways to plan and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents at Richland Middle School.
2. Develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and families Richland Middle School's written parent and family engagement policy upon request. It will also be available in the front office and is included in our Campus Improvement Plan (CIP).
3. Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support for parents in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. This will include important information about the following topics: Working in Canvas The Aspire Program The AVID Program PreAP courses and how they translate to High School  
Assisting their children on how to become college career ready
4. Assist parents in understanding such topics as state academic standards and assessments, how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve their children's achievements.
5. Coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other federal, state, and local programs that encourage and support parents at Richland Middle School.
6. Ensure that information related to student activities and parent programs, meetings, and other community activities are provided in an understandable and uniform format and in a language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable.
7. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Richland Middle School parent and family engagement policy

in improving the academic quality of Richland Middle School. We will use the findings to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement and to revise, if necessary, its parent and family engagement policy.

*Parent Engagement Evaluation*

Each spring, Richland Middle School will assemble a team, including Title I parents, teachers, and staff members, to review the content and effectiveness of their family engagement policies and programs. Evaluation information will be collected through parent surveys that gauge levels of family engagement while identifying barriers to parent participation. Based on this input and through a collaborative consultation process, the campus will review the existing family engagement policy and make revisions as necessary.

**Note/Disclaimer: Due to the COVID-19 quarantine from March 2020 through August 2020, we were unable to conduct the spring 2020 review of this document.**