

Rio del Mar Title I Parent Engagement Policy 2021-2022

15 School-Parent Compact

The compact below, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the schools and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

Rio del Mar will gather and disseminate to parents for review the following materials: District wide Parental Involvement Policy, the School's Parental Involvement Policy, the school-parent compact, and Parent Notices from the Appendix B: Key Title I, Part A Parental Notice Requirements table in the Title I, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance. These materials will be disseminated to parents at regular Title I parent meetings (Coffee with the Principal), School Site Council meetings, or parent/teacher conferences, with enrollment packets, and through electronic means. Written and oral input from parents will be solicited through Title I parent meetings, School Site Council meetings, parent/teacher conferences, surveys, and other written communications with parents.

Building Capacity for Involvement

Rio del Mar engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices.

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.

Rio del Mar holds regular Title I meetings (Coffee with the Principal) to address parent concerns related to student achievement and the academic content standards. Meetings are held, on average, once per month and are advertised through Parent Square.

- The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

Rio del Mar holds regular Title I meetings (Coffee with the Principal) to address parent concerns related to student achievement and the academic content standards. In addition to these meetings parents are encouraged to attend parent/teacher conferences for teachers to work one-on-one with parents on their child's specific needs and provide them with specific support material. Parents may schedule an appointment with a teacher at any time throughout the year. Parents are also free to attend school and visit their child's classroom to observe their child during normal school day activities.

- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.

Rio del Mar has an open relationship with all parents and encourages them to participate fully in all activities such as being a classroom volunteer, member of the School Site Council, English Language Advisory Committee, and PTA. Additionally, parents are encouraged to attend other activities such as Family Nights, Coffee with the Principal meetings, Parent/Teacher conferences, Back to School Night, and other special events when offered. The principal and other key staff members work as liaisons between the parents and staff to integrate parents, and their ideas, into the school environment.

- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resources centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Rio del Mar works in coordination with the Pupil Services to provide resources for our parents related to emotional well-being, access to outside resources, and direct parent services. The school also conducts an after school program to facilitate academic improvement in students working below grade level. Coffee with the Principal meetings allows parents to ask questions regarding any and all concerns or limited understanding regarding any topic related to school operations.

- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand.

Rio del Mar provides translated documents which are used for parent communication purposes in a language which our parents

can understand. Furthermore, interpreters are provided for all parent meetings.

- The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.

Rio del Mar provides staff support for all requested parent activities which may include any number or classification of staff depending upon the resources needed which may include custodial support, teacher involvement, or administrative assistance.

Accessibility

Rio del Mar provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand.

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17 Parent Involvement Policy

General Expectations

Rio del Mar Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Rio del Mar Elementary School will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children, a Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents of participating children agree on.
- Rio del Mar Elementary School will notify parents about the Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- Rio del Mar Elementary School will make the Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- Rio del Mar Elementary School will periodically update the Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- Rio del Mar Elementary School will adopt the school-parent compact as a component of its Parental Involvement Policy.
- Rio del Mar Elementary School agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) that 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;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

Rio del Mar Elementary School will implement required school parental involvement policy components as follows:

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1. Rio del Mar Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its Parental Involvement Policy and its school wide plan, if applicable, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under section 1118(b) of the ESEA:

Gather and disseminate to parents for review the following materials: District wide Parental Involvement Policy, the School's Parental Involvement Policy, the school-parent compact, and Parent Notices from the Appendix B: Key Title I, Part A Parental Notice Requirements table in the Title I, Part A Non-Regulatory Guidance. These materials will be disseminated to parents at one or more of the following meetings: regular Title I parent meetings, School Site Council meetings, and parent/teacher conferences. Written and oral input from parents will be solicited through Title I parent meetings, School Site Council meetings, parent/teacher conferences, and surveys.

2. Rio del Mar Elementary School will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Parental Involvement Policy:

- *The School Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed to parents in the Parent/Student Handbook.*
- *The policy will be posted on the school web site.*
- *Parents of new participating students will receive the policy upon registration.*

3. Rio del Mar Elementary School will periodically update its Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school through:

- *regular School Site Council meetings*
- *regular Title I meetings*
- *general school meetings*

1. Rio del Mar Elementary School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:

- *That Rio del Mar Elementary School participates in Title I,*
- *The requirements of Title I*
- *Of their rights to be involved as outlined in Table B of Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Non-Regulatory Guidance, Section 1118; the school-parent compact, Appendix E, of the Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Non-Regulatory Guidance, the district wide parental involvement policy, and the school's parental involvement policy and*
- *Meetings will be held at convenient times to encourage parents to attend. Parents will be notified about meetings through Parent Square.*

5. Rio del Mar Elementary School will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and may provide transportation, child care, and/or home visits, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement:

To encourage parents to attend these meetings, the school will offer training to parents to improve student success and achievement. In situations that prevent parents from coming to the school for meetings, school personnel may make home visits or arrange to meet the parents at a mutually convenient time off campus.

Rio del Mar Elementary School will provide information about Title I programs to parents of participating children in a timely manner through Parent Square.

Rio del Mar Elementary School will provide parents of participating children with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet through:

- *the annual Title I parent meeting*
- *regular parent/teacher conferences*
- *Title I meetings*

- (a) If requested by parents, Rio del Mar Elementary School will provide parents of participating children opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible:

- *through prearranged meetings with the Principal*
- *through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the principal, and other staff as appropriate*

- (b) Rio del Mar Elementary School will submit to the district any parent comments if the school wide plan under section (1114)(b)(2) is not satisfactory to parents of participating children:

- *Parents may submit comments in writing regarding the school wide plan to their child's teacher, the principal, or the Categorical Programs department within Rio del Mar Elementary School District.*

Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement

1. Rio del Mar Elementary School will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a

partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following activities described below:

- *parent training*
 - *Family Nights*
 - *Parental access to the Teacher Resources and other resources such as web sites, parent organizations, etc.*
 - *Parent Partnership*
2. The school will incorporate the school-parent compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy:
- *The school-parent compact will be a part of the School Parental Involvement Policy on the school's web page.*
 - *During regular parent/teacher/student conferences, the school-parent compact may be completed and signed by the teacher, the parent(s), and the student.*
 - *As needed, the school-parent compact will be included in school notices along with the School Parental Involvement Policy.*
3. The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:
- *the State's academic content standards,*
 - *the State's student academic achievement standards,*
 - *the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,*
 - *the requirements of Title I,*
 - *how to monitor their child's progress, and*
 - *how to work with educators:*

Parents will receive training and necessary information on the topics above through:

PTA workshops, School Site Council meetings, English Language Learner Committee meetings, Parent/Teacher Conferences, the student handbook, school or district sponsored trainings and workshops.

4. As appropriate, the school will, with the assistance of the district, provide materials and training such as literacy training and using technology to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement and to foster parental involvement, by:

holding regular Title I meetings, conducting parent/teacher conferences, and holding workshops based on identified parent need.

5. The school will, with the assistance of the district and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

encouraging staff to attend parental involvement workshops and conferences, web-based learning, and site staff development.

6. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request for the information in a language that they understand is fulfilled.