

Riverside Elementary School Parent/Family Involvement Policy

Riverside Elementary staff, parents, and community share the responsibility to maintain a child centered school and provide an environment that supports the growth of the whole child in academic, creative, social, emotional, and physical development.

Every child's learning comes first at Riverside

As stated in our mission statement above, parents are an integral part of the education of every child that attends Riverside Elementary. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- 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. (Title I, School Plan, and Technology Committees.)

Riverside faculty and staff will engage parents by:

- Holding an annual open house and/or meetings for parents during which programs at Riverside are explained including: the school wide Title I program, No Child Left Behind (NCLB), state and federal accountability guidelines
- Holding an annual Meet and Greet where parents can come and meet their child's new teacher, bring supplies for new school year, tour the school, and learn about programs offered throughout the year at Riverside.
- Annual Grandparents Day with educational lessons for students with lesson plan documentation
- Distributing annually a handbook to every child which includes discipline and parish grading guidelines
- Contributing to the monthly PTA newsletter to keep parents informed about classroom and school activities
- Sending home notes and other communication to keep parents informed including CCSS/Guaranteed Curriculum weekly communication form
- Participating in parent-teacher conferences as needed
- Planning and presenting parenting activities during the day and evenings to assist them with homework and class work including Math/Literacy/Science Night
- Yearly Volunteer Information Inservice
- Encouraging parents to volunteer in the classrooms
- Maintaining a parenting center in the library media center for parental use which includes books, magazines, and access to a computer and the internet
- Maintaining a website with up to date calendars and classroom pages
- Having faculty representation on the PTA Parental Involvement Committee
- Participating in the National Network of Partnership Schools-John Hopkins University