

Ridgely Elementary School

Parent Involvement Plan

"A School-Wide Title I School"

2018-2019

Ridgely Elementary School is a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade Five school wide Title One School. We also maintain a program for 3 year old children and children with special needs.

Ridgely Elementary School is located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in rural Caroline County. Ridgely Elementary has outreach programs that invite parents to become part of the educational process. In addition, parents regularly attend school functions such as Teacher Meet and Greet, Back to School Night, Book Fair, Evening Academic Nights, Grandparent Visitation, Muffins with Moms, Doughnuts with Dads, PTA, and other functions. Ridgely welcomes volunteers to enhance these programs.

Students are exposed to cultural and academic activities through instruction in music, physical education, media, art, guidance, and computer usage.



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What is the RES Parent Involvement Plan?

Developed with input from parents

- The plan is presented at the School Improvement Team Meeting, PTA Meeting, Parent Advisory Meeting and parent volunteer training sessions.

Distributed to all parents

- Parents will receive copies of this summary of the plan along with our school newsletter.
- Access to the full plan is available on the Ridgely Elementary School website.

Involves parents in the decisions about parent involvement funds

- We will discuss the Title I Parent Budget at Parent Advisory meetings twice a year.
- We will review and discuss it at PTA Meeting.

Incorporates the elements to support instruction through the development of the Home-School Compact

- Establish a committee to review and revise the RES Home/School Compact.
- The principal or his designee will review the Home School Compact with the PTA and invite feedback and suggestions.

Reviewed at the annual meetings

- All parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Title I Parent Advisory meeting(s).
- Information regarding the meetings will be sent through the school newsletter and website advertising.
- Automated phone and email notices will be made to remind parents about the day and time of the meeting.

Any concerns about the Parent Involvement Plan or School Improvement

- Plan should be directed to the principal by way of a phone call, email or note.

How are activities reviewed?

- The school conducts evaluations and surveys after each parent involvement/event.
- The School Improvement Team will revisit the parent involvement plan evening events to discuss parent feedback and determine steps for improvement of events.

- The Parent Advisory Committee will be provided an opportunity to review survey/evaluation information and make suggestions for overall improvement of evening events.

Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC)

- All pamphlets are available for distribution at the school's PIRC in the front lobby area.
- Highlights of information will appear in the monthly newsletter encouraging parents to take advantage of this information.

Other School-level Parent Involvement Initiatives

- The RES Volunteer Program enables parents to be involved in various ways to support students in the building such as serving field trip chaperones, media center, PTA membership, Career Day, and Field Day.
- The PBIS Program receives assistance from parent volunteers for quarterly incentive activities and weekly incentives to recognize positive student behavior.

HOME AND SCHOOL WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

1. INSTRUCTION

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO PARENTS IN UNDERSTANDING ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS AND STATE REQUIREMENTS

- The Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MDCCRS) will be available for parents and individual appointments will be offered to explain the contents of the document.
- During the Parent Nights, parents will learn about the MDCCRS and how they drive instruction.
- Pre-Kindergarten teachers will offer to visit each home to explain curriculum in an effort to build partnerships with parents.
- Parents will be invited to conference with teachers annually and as needed regarding curriculum and/or student progress.

2. PARENTING

PROVIDING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO ALL OUR FAMILIES TO ENSURE A POSITIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING AND GROWING.

- Homework training will take place during Back to School Night and Curriculum Nights.
- Academic Intervention program information is provided to parents of students attending reading or math interventions.
- Each parent will have multiple opportunities to participate in volunteer training.
- Each curriculum night will offer parents some suggestions and/or activities to help children sharpen academic skills for success.
- Monthly school newsletters will provide suggestions for helping students succeed academically, socially, and physically.

3. EDUCATING SCHOOL PERSONNEL

SCHOOL STAFF WORKING WITH PARENTS TO BECOME EQUAL PARTNERS IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS.

- Staff have attended training regarding techniques for communicating with parents. Topics include parent conferences, state testing, and forms of digital communication.
- Parents are welcome to present grade-level appropriate activities, sharing their talents and skills with students.
- Coordination is made with parents to volunteer in classrooms, recess, and in the cafeteria during lunch.

4. WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

- We hold a Parent Visitation Day during American Education Week.
- We hold a Grandparent Visitation Day in October.
- Parents will be invited to attend and participate in both Band/Chorus Concerts.
- RES will provide information in Spanish as requested by parents of our ELL students.
- RES will provide information as requested through sign-language interpretation.
- Parents are invited to work with the counselor or share their careers at our school-wide Career Day.
- Parents will be invited to share in our two Family Literacy Nights by reading participating in book related activities.
- Students and parents are invited to participate in our Halloween Parade, which is coordinated with the Ridgely Town Office, police, and local businesses.
- Students and parents are invited to participate in our Fuel Up to Play 60 walk to school. This program is provided with the support of the Ridgely Lions.
- Parents are invited to attend Field Day activities and provide support and/or students encouragement throughout the program.

5. COMMUNICATION

CONTINUING AND IMPROVING UPON SCHOOL TO HOME COMMUNICATION.

- All major forms (e.g. lunch forms, calendars, newsletters, etc.) will be translated for parents and copies will be available in the office as requested.
- The School Newsletter will contain a running list of dates, updated monthly, of school activities for the year.
- School Messenger automated phone/email notifications and School Way App notifications will be made to parents regarding upcoming events.