

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT SUCCESS

2025-2026 School Year

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WHAT IS TITLE 1?

ARC is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and Local reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

WHAT IS IT?

This is a plan that describes how the Academy of Richmond County will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. ARC values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

HOW IS IT REVISED?

ARC invited all parents to attend our Annual Input Meeting last spring to review & revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any comments to the district office.

WHO IS IT FOR?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan, which is discussed each year during the Input Meeting. ARC will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

****Transportation and child care will be provided when available.**

WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

At the beginning of the year, the Richmond County Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student code of conduct book that is given to all students. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be posted on the school website and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2025-2026 DISTRICT GOALS

- During the 2025-2026 school year, we will increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 6%.
- During the 2025-2026 school year, we will increase post-high school readiness by increasing our graduation rate by 2%

2025-2026 SCHOOL GOALS

- By May 2026, chronic absenteeism due to unexcused absences and exclusionary disciplinary will be reduced by 20%.
- During the 2025-2026 school year, teachers will report a 15% increase in teacher efficacy as reported by Teachers' Sense of Efficacy Scale.
- By July 2026, the percentage of students meeting the requirements for graduation requirements will increase by 5%.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

As part of this plan, ARC and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and our students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Title 1 meetings and forums. The school-parent compacts are located in the guidance and front office and are also available on the school website for quick access to parents if parents need another copy.

Tot it Down

Open House- August 1, 2025 12:00pm-6:00pm

Opportunity for introductions to the new school year and gain helpful information for the new school year

Musketeers Connect-
September 22, 2025 at 10:00am
December 1, 2025 at 3:30pm
February 9, 2026 at 10:00am
April 20, 2026 at 3:30pm

An opportunity for parents to engage with school support staff (School Social Worker, Instructional Specialist, Counselors, School Psychologist, etc.) to discuss various topics throughout the year, such as acclimating to high school, mental health concerns, supporting your child through academic barriers

Annual Title 1 Meeting- September 10, 2025 4:00pm (In person)

Review ARC goals, district goals
and review school documents for the school year

School Council Meeting- October 2, 2025 3:30pm-4:30pm

An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

School Council Meeting- February 4, 2026 3:30pm-4:30pm

An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

Title 1 Spring Input Meeting- March 4, 2026 4:30pm-5:30pm

Parental input and revision of the school compact and policy

School Council Meeting- April 15, 2026 3:30pm-4:30pm

An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

There will be additional opportunities for parent & student engagement this school year! Please stay tuned to the ARC website/parent newsletter for more information!

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm
Media Center

Parent and Family Engagement

ARC High School believes that family engagements means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way and meaningful in communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral 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 are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in their education of their child.



ARC will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- Provide monthly trainings for all staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagements with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at events to to continue to build upon events and gain additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

