

RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Revised June 18, 2018

2018-2019

What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- (B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- (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 1116 of the ESSA.

Mission:

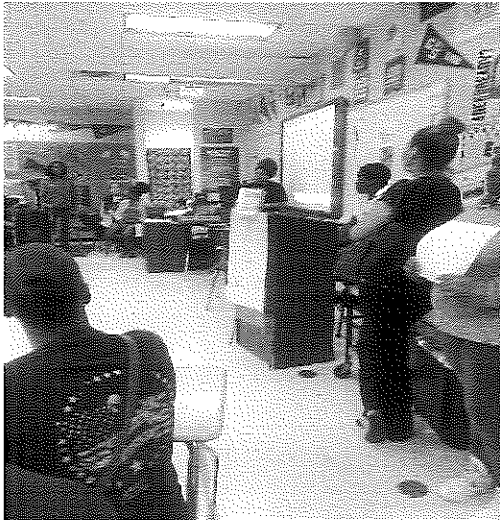
Building a world-class school system through education, collaboration, and innovation.

Vision:

RCSS will create a world-class, globally competitive school system where all students will graduate and are college/career ready.

Learning Today...

Leading Tomorrow



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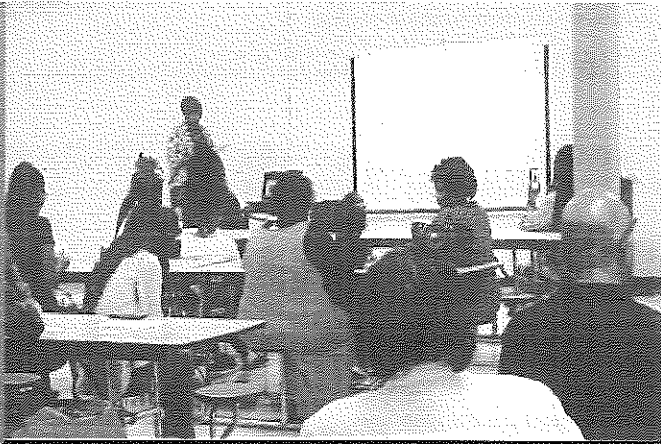
**Dr. Angela Pringle,
Superintendent**



Strengthening Our Schools

This year, the district Title I program specialists will provide assistance and support to all Title I schools to ensure family engagement requirements are being satisfied and that family engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. In addition to frequent communication and school visits, Title I schools will receive notifications, resources, and training from the district to help them improve and strengthen family engagement.

Additionally, the Title I department will provide training to principals during the 2018-2019 district summer leadership team summit and will post a webinar so principals will understand parent and family engagement requirements and plan opportunities for family engagement activities and meetings for the remainder of the school year.



Parents receiving valuable information at a school's parent night

Parent and Family Engagement Evaluation

The RCSS will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy in improving the academic quality of our schools. Parents and family members will be invited to complete a survey during April and May of 2019. Surveys will be available on the district and schools' websites, as well as paper/pencil at various parent meetings. During the Title I end-of-year meetings, parents and family members will be asked to brainstorm strategies that can be used to make parent and family engagement more effective. Information gained from the surveys and meetings will be used to enhance family engagement and to revise the parent and family engagement policy for the upcoming school year.

Reservation of Funds

The RCSS will reserve 1 percent from the total amount of Title I funds it receives in FY 19 to carry out the parent and family engagement requirements listed in this policy and as described in Section 1116 of the ESSA. Furthermore, the RCSS will distribute 90 percent of the amount reserved to Title I schools to support their local-level family engagement programs and activities. The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title I school in developing an adequate family engagement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations.

Each Title I school will host an input meeting for parents to provide suggestions as to how these family engagement funds will be used in the upcoming year at the district and school-level. In addition, parents can complete district surveys on the district website or at various parent and family engagement events such as cluster meetings. Surveys, input forms, and minutes from these meetings will be reviewed by the district to determine areas of need for the upcoming school year and consider changes to the family engagement budget.

Get Involved!

Event	Date	Time	Location
Elementary School Open House	August 3, 2018	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Elementary Schools
Middle School Open House	August 1, 2018	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Middle Schools
High School Open House	August 2, 2018	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	High Schools
District Annual Title I Meeting	September 20, 2018	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	RCBOE
Elementary Parent Conferences	October 17 and 18, 2018	By appointment	Elementary Schools
Helen Ruffin District Reading Bowl	January 26, 2019	8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	TBD
Helen Ruffin Regional Reading Bowl	February 9, 2019	8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	TBD
Elementary Parent Conferences	March 20 and 21, 2019	By appointment	Elementary Schools

