

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY
Parental Involvement Policy and
Plan for Shared Student Success

2017–2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

ARC High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

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



In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by section 1116 of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) (parental involvement policy). Schools, in consultation with parents, are encouraged to include other relevant and agreed upon activities and actions that will support effective parental involvement and strengthen student academic achievement.

How is it revised?

ARC High School invites all parents to attend our annual meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. 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 and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings.

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. Westside High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is available in the Front Office and will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2017–18 District Goals

- By the end of the 2017-18 school year, the percentage of students performing on grade level in reading and math will increase from 40% to 50%

2017–18 School Goals

- By the end of the 17-18 school year, we will increase by 3% the percentage of students scoring Proficient or above in 9th Grade Literature/American Literature.
- By the end of the 17-18 school year we will increase by 3% the percentage of students scoring Proficient or above in Algebra/Geometry.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Richmond Academy County High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and 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 the end of the year program. The School-Parent Compact is sent home Annually with each Student.

Let's Get Together!

ARC High School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership Among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement and community involvement.

Annual Title I Meeting – Wednesday, September 20, 2017- 6:00 P.M.

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program., including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

Volunteer Training – 1st Tuesday each month – 11 A.M. and 5:30 P.M.

Infinite Campus Training – Fridays by appointment

We invite you to come and get involved both with your child's education by keeping up to the minute information about their academics, attendance and school. Volunteering allows you to be present and Infinite Campus allows you to be aware.

American Education Week – November 13-17, 2017

Parental Involvement Day – November 16, 2017

1st lunch 11:15 A.M. – 11:45A.M.

2nd lunch 12:10 P.M.-12:40 P.M.

Come out and enjoy a great lunch with your student in our newly renovated cafeteria.

Parent College & Progress Report Night – November 1, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Representative from Albany State College will be the guest speaker. Parents will also learn about Advanced Placement Courses.

Coffee with the Counselor-High School 101 (9th thru 11th grade – December 7, 2017 9 -10:00 A.M.

A morning of learning what to expect throughout the coming high school years at ARC.

Coffee with the Counselor – Test Taking Tips (9th-11th grade) -February 1, 2018

Gain knowledge about gifted and special education programs within our school system.

GA Milestones – February 6, 2018 6:00P.M.

RCSS Testing Coordinator Assistant Principal Sherri Darden will tell you everything a parent needs to know about GA Milestones testing at the high school level.

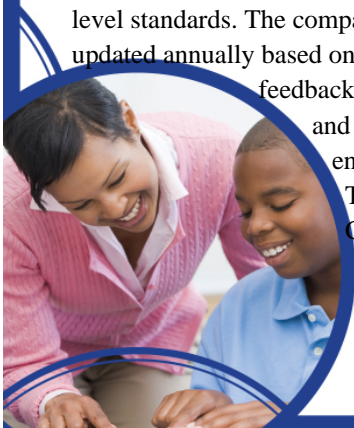
Coffee with the Counselor- Non-Traditional Education Options March 22, 2018 9-10 A.M.

Learn about all of the educational options available through Richmond County Schools. The IB Program, AP classes, OOWR, RPM, PLC and more.

Spring Showcase– April 23, 2018- 5:00- 7:00

End of the year Title I Input/Revision Meeting. Parents and local community will showcase their businesses and summer job opportunities.

Parent Support Group Meetings – TBA



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, 7:30 am – 3:00 PM

Parental Involvement

ARC High School believes that 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.

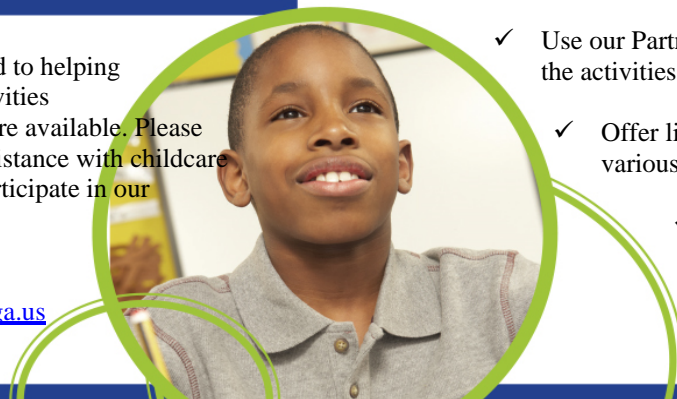
ARC High School is committed to helping parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan when funds are available. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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ARC High School is Branching Out!

Oakwood Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with feeder schools by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for high school and improve school transition.
- ✓ 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 parental involvement.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parental Involvement Standards

ARC High School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

School Community Team

ARC High School invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Gwendolyn Askew at (706) 737-7152 Extension 1562 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the School Community Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
