

R.V. KERR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-TITLE I PARENT FAMILY AND  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY  
2022-2023

School Leadership Team

List Committee Names

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The administration, staff, and parents of R.V. Kerr Elementary School are committed to the belief that all students can learn through the implementation of programs that support academics, technology, and social/emotional wellness. We also know that improved academic achievement of each student is a responsibility shared by the entire school community, including the school district, school, community members, school administration, staff, students, and parents.

**Parent Family and Community Engagement activities in the school will include opportunities for:**

- Parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities
- Staff development and parent education
- Parents to provide home support for their student's education
- Parents to participate in school decision making
- Effective communication between the school and parents

**R.V. Kerr Elementary staff and faculty will:**

- Provide a high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards. All faculty will provide this environment by ensuring that every student has access to :
  - High quality teachers
  - Adequate academic resources
  - Suitable facilities
  - Organized instructional time
  - Involve parents in the R.V. Kerr Elementary School Improvement Team process

- o Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of Student Handbook, School Improvement Plan, Parent/School/Student Compact and the Parent, family and community engagement plan.
- o Solicit parental input at parent gatherings such as
  - Back to School Night
  - LEAP Parent Meetings
  - Science/Social Studies Fair Night
  - Family Math Night
  - STEAM Night
  - Literacy Night
  - Awards assemblies
  - Orientation/Open House

**With regard to the School-Level Parent Family and Community Engagement Policy, Administration will:**

- Facilitate and implement the Parent Family and Community Engagement Policy
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the policy by inviting them to take part in developing the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Provide the policy in an understandable and uniform format/Student Handbook
- Make the School Involvement Policy available to the community by: Discussion and review at the Back to School Night to include the Parent Family and Community Engagement Plan in the Title 1 Handbook as well as any functions held on campus that are related to family/community nights.

**With regard to parent meetings, the R.V. Kerr Faculty and staff will:**

- Provide opportunities for parent/teacher conferences
- Host an annual meeting at the Back to School night to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I, the requirements of Title I, and the right of parents to be involved
- Provide updates on participation in Title I and opportunities for involvement at scheduled parent organization meetings.
- Inform parents of the meeting and encourage and invite parents to attend.

**With regard to Title I Programs and Plans, R.V. Kerr Administration will:**

- Inform parents at the Back to School Night about the goals and purposes of Title I, and Title I programs at the school, the curriculum used in the programs, the academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- If the Title I plan is not satisfactory to the parents, submit any parent comments on the plan when it is submitted to the district.
- If requested by parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings of parents and the school where parents may offer suggestions and ask questions regarding Title I policies and programs.
- Administrators will provide timely responses to parent's suggestions and questions.
- Communicate school improvement goals through the school website link.

**With regard to professional development, the Administration team and the R.V. Kerr Instructional Coach will:**

- Provide training to school staff to strengthen parent family and community engagement efforts relating to :
  - Valuing contributions of parents
  - Reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners
  - Implementing and coordinating parent programs
  - Building ties between parents and the school

**With regard to the coordination with other programs, R.V. Kerr Administration and the R.V. Kerr Instructional Coach will:**

- Collaborate with community agencies and businesses to provide activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their student; including specific activities such as:
  - Sponsorship of programs to encourage parents to be involved on campus (Family Nights, Literacy Nights)
  - Volunteering at school
  - Participating in School Programs (Honor Roll, BUG Awards, Star Student, Terrific Kids, etc)
  - STEP FORWARD to Literacy

**With regard to the Home/School Communication the R.V. Kerr Staff and Faculty will:**

- Will collaborate with parents to inform them on all activities, grades, and school activities.
  - Parents will have access to OnCourse
  - Parents will receive graded papers, notate concerns, as well as, behavior in the students weekly folder
  - Monthly School Newsletters, informs on school's policies, recognizes various honors that students may receive
  - Military Family Night
  - Meet the Teacher Night
  - Pre-K Welcome Meetings
  - Progress Reports, Report Cards, Conferences
  - Student Handbook
  - Parent/School/Student Compact