

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

William Ramsay Elementary School jointly updated this parental involvement policy in consultation with school personnel, community members, and parents on 10/12/20 and it was shared with parents at the 20-21 WRES Title I Night. This policy shall be made available to the local community by website and newsletter. If the Title I plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the Alexandria City Public Schools will submit any parent comments with the application when the plan is submitted to the state. This parent involvement plan will be updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

William Ramsay Elementary School Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on November 11, 12, and 13, 2020 and February 18-19, 2021. Conferences can be held any time a parent or teacher requests one due to a concern or extensive comprehensive report.

Report cards will be sent home on the following dates: November 13th, February 19th, April 23rd, and June 21st.

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Parents are also provided reports on their child's progress upon parent request through the use of emails, daily school-home notebooks, notes, and text messages and/or phone calls.

Provide parents reasonable access to staff.

Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with the parents as follows: Parents have access to teachers at school by phone calls, written notes, or email at all times, as well as designated conference times during the fall and spring. Parents are encouraged to request a meeting before school, during planning periods or after school with teachers. Teachers will access resources to communicate with parents in native language, when possible.

Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in the child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows: Parents may contact teacher at any time to schedule a time to observe their child in class and to volunteer. Parents may volunteer, once they are approved for a volunteer badge. To volunteer, please contact the school.

SIGN ON-LINE HERE:

<http://bit.ly/signWRcompact2021>



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William Ramsay Elementary School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy & Family and School Compact

Mission: *William Ramsay Elementary School students will be culturally competent citizens who are self-empowered and committed to their success as lifelong learners.*

Vision: *Our team at William Ramsay Elementary School is committed to building strong relationships and developing the whole child through effective collaboration in an inclusive learning environment that focuses on real-world applications of knowledge and leads our students to global success.*

Credo: *Running our road to success!*

School Responsibilities

William Ramsay Elementary School will: Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the state's student academic achievement standards as follows:

- Provide motivating and interesting learning experiences in our classrooms.
- Determine and use techniques and materials that work best for each students
- Maintain the highest learning expectations for our students.
- Support the curriculum and instruction with a variety of materials

English Language Arts

Students will think, read, write, listen, and speak in a way that expresses who they are and how they are connected to their world. Teachers will help students perceive reading and writing for pleasure, connection, and meaningful self-expression.

Science

Students will generate and use evidence to develop, refine, and apply scientific explanations.

Encore

- Art instruction with a certified art teacher once a week
- Vocal music instruction with a certified music teacher once a week
- Instrumental music lessons beginning in fourth grade
- Physical education classes by a certified P.E. teacher twice a week
- Library with a certified librarian once a week

Mathematics

Students will focus on number sense and computation, measurement, geometry, algebra, and data analysis and probability in each grade level.

Social Studies

We will promote a civic-minded, democratic society. All students will understand our national heritage in order to shape our nation's future. Students will learn to use the tools of geography to analyze and interpret historical events, people, and places.

Special Programs

- Program for talented and gifted (TAG) children who perform above their grade level academically
- Family life instruction at age-appropriate levels
- English Learner classes
- Special Education Programs

School Responsibilities in Virtual+ In the virtual learning environment WRES is committed to:

- Frequently communicate student performance in virtual learning
- Support families with getting the necessary resources to engage
- Support families with technical support/training when necessary
- Provide students opportunity for social interaction

Family Responsibilities

I will be an active part of my child's academic success by:

- Discussing my child's school day with my child, *every day*
- Monitoring my child's attendance
- Making sure my child's homework is completed
- Giving my child help or seeking out additional help, when needed
- Limiting my child's non-instructional screen time and monitoring the content of the videos, web sites, and music my child views
- Providing incentives *and consequences* based on behavior reports sent home

I will be an active participant in my child's school by:

- Volunteering, when I can
- Participating in decisions about my child's education
- Attending workshops and school events when I can
- Joining parent advisory groups through the school and/or school district
- Staying informed about my child's school by using Seesaw, Class Dojo, Twitter, Facebook, or the web site *acps.k12.va.us*
- Checking my student's backpack daily and returning forms in a timely manner

Family Responsibilities in Virtual+

- Make sure student wake-up, get dressed, eat breakfast, and get into ZOOM on-time.
- Establish a quiet workplace for students in the home and eliminate distractions.
- Avoid asking children to assist with other tasks during live instruction.
- Avoid over-supporting students—encourage take academic risks and learn from their mistakes

Student Responsibilities

I will be an active part of my academic success by:

- Talking about my school day with my parent/guardian, every day
 - Attending school every day
 - Getting at least 8-10 hours of sleep each night
 - Being prepared to learn with all of my school materials
 - Completing my homework, every day
 - Asking for help, when I need it
 - Reading at least 30 minutes at home, every night
 - Practicing writing daily, at home in a notebook or journal
 - Following all digital citizenship rules at school *and at home*
 - Using my cell phone, computer, or tablet in an appropriate way
 - Showing respect for myself, other students, teachers, staff, and visitors
 - Giving all information and forms from the school to my parent/guardian, *every day*
 - Monitoring my academic progress and work toward the goals me and my teacher set in class
- ### **In Virtual Learning:**
- Logging in everyday on-time with my camera on
 - Knowing my synchronous and asynchronous schedule and work expectations
 - Taking responsibility for my technology and getting help when it is not working