

**Rock Spring Elementary
Family Engagement Policy and Plan
for Shared Success
2023-2024 School Year**

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What is Title 1?

Rock Spring Elementary is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Every Student Succeed Act. (ESSA) Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 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 Rock Spring Elementary (RSE) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. RSE values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that RSE will support family engagement and how families can help and participate in activities and events to promote learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? RSE welcomes family input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All family feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family involvement. For families without Internet access, paper copies of the survey will be made available on the information table outside the front office. Families can also give feedback during any Title I event throughout the year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. RSE will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children. Residential facilities in RSE attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondences and activities.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with all students. New students will receive this information with their new student packet. The plan will also be available in the Family Resource Center, school office, and on the school website.

2023-2024 Academic Goals

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, RSE and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that families, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how each party will work together to ensure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers at the Spring Family Education Night. The compacts are kept on file with the family involvement coordinator if parents would like a copy.

Opportunities for Family Involvement at RSE for the 2023-2024 school year

Based on the survey results received in Spring 2023, Rock Spring Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August 2023

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly and helpful school staff.

Family Orientation – DATA Night - September, 2023

This is a set aside time to hear from the administration about school-wide policies and procedures and also meet with your child's teacher to learn student requirements for this school year. Academic goals, individual current student data and expectations for the year will be discussed. This event is offered at two separate times so that families can attend the session that works best for them.

Annual Title I Meeting- – September 2023

This is a very informative meeting where RSE families will learn about our Title 1 program, including our family involvement policy, our school wide plan, and our school-parent compacts.

Volunteer Training- Fall - various dates and times

Can we count on you to volunteer at RSE this year? Attend this training session to learn about our volunteer policies, and find out how you can help. All volunteers must complete the volunteer training. .

Winter Reading DATA Night – January 2024

Enjoy an evening of family time as you learn reading strategies, levels, and games to increase reading fluency and achievement. Fun activities will be provided for the students and parents will meet with their child's teacher to discuss progress.

Family DATA Night & Spring Transition– Spring 2024

Join RSE faculty and staff to follow up from the fall and winter DATA nights and see the progress your student has made. Individual student data will be available to each family. Families will also visit the next grade so that they can be prepared for next school year. Childcare will be available for all students so that families may meet with the teacher.

Transition Night for 5th Grade Students - Spring 2024

An opportunity for parents and students to visit SRMS / LMS with their student and get information.

Transition Night for Upcoming Kindergarten Students – Spring 2024

Upcoming Kindergarten families from the community are invited to tour RSE and participate in a segment of class. A tour will be given and questions answered about the upcoming school year. (Virtual until further notice)

Lunch and Learn Sessions by Grade Level – Various Dates

Each grade level will have a "Lunch and Learn" session during the school year. This is an opportunity for parents and/or guardians to eat lunch with their student and learn current study tips to help their child.

Other events may be added or above events may change. Please check monthly newsletter for up-to-date information.

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Family Involvement

Rock Spring Elementary believes that family involvement means the participation of families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including and ensuring-

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That families 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Support for Families

Rock Spring Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the family involvement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Phone - (706) 764-1383
Email - sarahmcloskey@walkerschools.org

Rock Spring Elementary Wants to Help our Families

Rock Spring Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families 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 family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly newsletter for all parents.
- √ Share information on the school website and newsletter for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways that family members can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- √ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities via phone messages, flyers, newsletters, school website, and social media.
- √ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family involvement.
- √ Provide necessary materials for families at meetings and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- √ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school family involvement plan and activities.
- √ Listen and respond to family requests for additional support for family involvement activities, including transportation and childcare.

RSE Family Engagement Standards

Rock Spring Elementary and our families 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:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

Family Council

Rock Spring Elementary invites all families to join our Family Council to share ideas and ways to involve other families to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet once per grading period (four times each year). In addition to Family Council meetings, family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about our Family Council, please contact Sarah McCloskey at 706-764-1383 or complete the interest form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

Come visit the Rock Spring Elementary Family Resource Center

RSE has a wonderful family center where families can check out books, study materials, and activities that you can use at home with your child. A computer is also available for family members to explore Power School and other educational resources.

Hours:
7:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
Daily

Family Council

Yes, I am excited about joining Family Council.

Name: _____

Child's Name & Grade: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Would you prefer to meet: Morning Lunch Evening

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have 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) _____

Comments:
