

# *Ralph R. Smith Elementary School*

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## **Ralph R. Smith Elementary School** **Title I Parental Involvement Policy**

The Ralph R. Smith Elementary School recognizes that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education in school and to become full partners in school educational planning and operations. Consistent with the parent involvement goals of Title I, Part A of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

1. The Building Principal will convene an annual meeting and invite all faculty, staff and parents, to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I programs, and to explain the Title I requirements and the right of the parents to be involved.
2. The school staff will offer a "Meet the Staff Night" in the fall to provide parents the opportunity to meet with school staff and otherwise participate in their child's education. This is when teachers explain and describe the curriculum in use at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School, the types of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the levels of proficiency the students are expected to meet. There will also be two individual conferences scheduled each year for each child, for the parents to communicate with their child's teacher about their individual child's progress and goals.
3. The school will provide parents with timely information about Title I programs. Parents may also request regular meetings with school staff to make suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as is practical. Another example of involvement at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School is parent representation on the Building Leadership Team (BLT).
4. The school staff will involve parents in an organized and ongoing way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the Ralph R. Smith Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy.

## **Ralph R. Smith Elementary School-Parent Compact**

The staff at Ralph R. Smith have identified four core beliefs that will serve as the foundation for engaging families. They are listed below:

1. All parents have dreams for their children and want the best for them.
2. All parents have the capacity to support their children's learning.
3. Parents and school staff should be equal partners.
4. The responsibility for building partnerships between school and home primarily rests with school staff.

To help our children achieve, we agree to abide by the following conditions during the 2022-2023 school year:

### **School Responsibilities:**

The school will:

- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment
- Offer parent-teacher conferences at least two times each year
- Provide parents with a minimum of four report cards on their child's progress each school year
- Provide parents reasonable access to staff
- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class
- Communicate on a regular basis with parents
- Send home notices in a timely manner

### **Parent/Guardian Responsibilities:**

The parents and guardians will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Send my child to school well prepared to learn
- Take time to discuss the school day with my child
- Monitor my child's attendance and contact the school with reason for an absence
- Make sure that homework is completed
- Participate in decisions regarding my child's education
- Promote positive use of my child's time outside of school
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate regularly with the school
- Help promote a positive attitude toward school
- Be involved in my child's education by participating in events

### **Student Responsibilities:**

Students will share the responsibility to do my best work and agree to:

- Participate in my own learning in a safe and respectful way
- Try my best at all times
- Show that I am an OWL Star: an outstanding, wonderful learner everyday
- Be respectful, responsible and safe at all times
- Be a bucket filler everyday
- Have materials needed and be ready and prepared to learn
- Do my homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read every day outside of school, according to the grade level time requirements
- Give my parents all notices and information from school every day

### **Signatures:**

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Staff: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_