

William S. Sandel Elementary School
Parent & Family Engagement Policy
2024-2025

- I. This policy was developed with parents and was made available to all parents for comments. After accepting comments the policy was finalized. The parent policy will be updated as needed and will be reviewed annually by a team comprised of parents, community members, and school staff.
- II. Within the first 45 days of the new school year, a meeting will be held by the school administration to inform parents of the "Parents Right to Know."
- Administration will notify parents of the school's Title I plan and encourage parent participation.
 - Parents will be informed of the various federal and state programs that assist in raising the achievement level of all the students and the resources available to the parents and children due to the additional federal and state funds (Title I, McKinney Vento Act, etc.).
 - An explanation and description of the curriculum at the school and additional programs that help raise the achievement level of the students most academically in need (small class size, tutoring opportunities, afterschool program, etc.).
 - The academic assessments used at the school and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - Administration will notify parents if a long-term substitute is placed in a classroom for longer than 20 consecutive days.
- III. Meetings along with parent engagement events will be held at various times during the day.
- IV. Parents will receive timely notice of parental engagement opportunities through several different means:
- School newsletters, e-mail, Class Dojo, Auto-dialer system and phone calls
 - The school web site <http://sandel.richlandone.org/>
 - The Richland One TV w/ Specturn (Channel 1301)
 - Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meetings, School Improvement Council (SIC) Meetings, School Wide Planning Team Meetings
- V. The current school-parent compact will be sent home to parents for comments. Parents serving on SIC and PTO will take parents' comments into consideration when revising the compact. The final school-parent compact will be disseminated within the first 45 days of the school year.
- VI. Communications with parents, to the extent practicable, will be provided in a language parents can understand and will take into consideration accommodations for parents with disabilities or who speak another language.
- VII. A copy of the school-wide Title I plan is available in the school office and Media Center. Parents may submit written comments on the plan to the Principal's Office (claudia.brooks-mccal@richlandone.org). If a parent is not satisfied with the school's school-wide plan, the parent's comments will be submitted to the Richland One Office of Federal & State Programs for further clarification.
- VIII. The administration will respond to any suggestions, recommendations or comments within 48 hours. Suggestions or comments are accepted via the Digital Suggestion Box link found on the school's website.