

2025-2026 Annual Title One & Family Engagement Meeting

Riverdale K-8 School

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Principal Mr. Bond

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Why are we here?

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:
 - inform you of your school's participation in Title I
 - explain the requirements of Title I
 - explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

What will I learn?

- What is a School Wide Title I Program?
- What are my rights?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the SIP?
- What are our program goals?
- How is parent and family engagement funded?
- What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-Parent Compact?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?
- How can I be involved?
- Who can I contact for help?

What is a School-Wide Title One Program?

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- School-Wide Title One Programs receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:
 - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
 - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
 - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.

What are my rights?

- The families and parents of School-Wide Title 1 students have a right, by law, to...
 - be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level;
 - be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science;
 - request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child **by contacting the GMSD HR Department;** and
 - request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

What can Title I funds be used for?

- In general, Title I funds may be used for:
 - additional training for school staff,
 - extra time for instruction (before and/or after school programs),
 - Instructional support programs,
 - parent and family engagement activities, and/or
 - a variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment, and technology.

How does our school use Title I funds?

- For 2025-2026, Riverdale was allotted approximately **\$336,785.00** in Title I funding.
- We developed a **School-Wide Program**, which means we plan to spend our funds on the following:
 - Supplemental staff:
 - Character Development
 - Tutors
 - Math Interventionist
 - Programs/Materials/Supplies:
 - ELA Workbooks
 - Math supplies
 - Before/After School Tutoring
 - Teacher Professional Development:
 - Leadership Development
 - PLC
 - RTI at Work
 - Council for Exceptional Children

What is the SIP?

- The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:
 - the identification of the school planning team and how they will be engaged in the planning process;
 - a needs assessment and summary of academic and non-academic data;
 - prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and non-academic needs of students;
 - teacher and staff professional development needs; and
 - budgets and the coordination of resources.

The school must include family representatives on our school planning team.

What are our schoolwide program goals?

- 90% of students reading at or above grade level by 3rd grade.
- 70% of students will be at or above grade level in math by 8th grade.
- Improve the physical and social emotional health of all students by incorporating REAL Raider initiatives.

How is parent and family engagement funded?

Any district with a Title I allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of it's Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.

- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district.
- **100% of GMSD's Family Engagement funds those are spent at the school level.**
- You, as Title 1 parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.

How is parent and family engagement funded?

- For 2025-2026, we received approximately \$1,900 in parent and family engagement funding. We plan to use these funds for:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Meeting and Events
 - Literacy Night
 - Family Math/Bingo Night
 - Mother/Son Game Night
 - Materials/Supplies
 - Books/Literacy Materials
 - Bingo/Math Materials
 - Board/Card Games

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA.
Components should include:
 - how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities;
 - how parent and family engagement funds are being used;
 - how information and training will be provided to families; and
 - how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- The district Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found here:
 - Parent and Family Involvement Policy
 - https://tsbanet-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/policy_tsba_net/EbsmGGvsaudCqIUwmdXsgzwBNf3x16EX7WsaN-Adyd1hPQ?rt=65LbwQEO3Eg
- The Riverdale Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found here. It has also been sent home in Wednesday folders to all homeroom students.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

- A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.
- The compact must describe how the school will:
 - provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
 - hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
 - provide parents with reports on their child's progress;
 - provide parents reasonable access to staff.
 - provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
 - ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

- The school-parent compact can reviewed [here](#) and on our Riverdale School website.
It was distributed in Wednesday folders to all students.

What curriculum does our school use?

- The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.
- Tennessee's academic standards form the framework for everything taught at Riverdale K-8 School.
- For more information about Tennessee's academic standards, see:
<https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/academic-standards.html>

What tests will my child be taking?

- Star Reading (K-8)- taken at least 3 times a year. Report given on student's current reading level with areas of strengths and areas of improvement in comprehension listed.
- MVPA-taken 3 times a year in 2nd-8th. Reports with levels are generated and sent home.
- AimsWeb-universal screener taken by selected student groups K-8 for intervention purposes
- TNReady-taken in the spring in 2nd-8th, reports are generated online and sent home in August each year.

How can I be involved?

- We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.
- To get involved with the SIP, contact antoinette.curtis@gmsdk12.org
- To get involved with the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, contact katie.faught@gmsdk12.org
- To get involved with the School Parent Compact, contact katie.faught@gmsdk12.org

What is the State Report Card?

- TDOE releases an annual Report Card on Tennessee schools.
- This report displays state-, district-, and school-level data for each school year.
- It includes information on demographics, achievement, academic growth, attendance, graduation rate and more.
- You can view the data statewide, or you can choose a specific district or school.
- You can view the report card here:
<https://tdepublicschools.ondemand.sas.com/>

**WE JUST WANT TO
SAY...**

THANK YOU!

**Thanks for taking the time to learn
more about Title One at Riverdale!
Please complete this quick Google form
for our records.**