



## **Ralph Askins Elementary School**

### **Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

**2025-2026**

**05/6/2026**

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Ralph Askins Elementary receives Title 1, Part A funds and must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement, describes how the school will implement specific parent and family engagement activities, and is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the district.

Ralph Askins Elementary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

Involve families, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Update the school, parent, and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of families and the school, distribute it to the families of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.

Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language families understand.

If the school improvement plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the families of participating children, submit any family comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

- (C) 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; and
- (D) other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

## **Jointly Developed**

Ralph Askins Elementary will take the following actions to involve families in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by families, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Parents are provided the opportunity to participate by responding through the Possip surveys. Once parents indicate their desire to participate, they are invited to participate in the Title I Parent Involvement Committee. This committee meets throughout the year. This provides parents and family members time to review and study the compact form and the policy. The compact form and policy are provided to members of the meeting. The members discuss the form and policy and make suggestions on how to strengthen both documents. Committee members are also asked for ideas on how to strengthen the current program. The family engagement coordinator will attend the meeting, lead the discussion, and answer any questions that arise.

## **ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

Ralph Askins Elementary will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting at a convenient time and encourage and invite all families of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title 1 program, the nature of the Title 1 program, the families' requirements, the school's parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide policy, and the school-parent compact.

Ralph Askins Elementary holds the annual Title 1 meeting to inform families of the Title 1 requirements and rights to be involved. The Title 1 meeting was held in the Ralph Askins Library during Parent Teacher Conferences in September of 2025. The meeting was advertised on Social Media, the school's website, and the student-led morning show. The Family Engagement coordinator presented a PowerPoint presentation, handed out a Title 1 brochure created by the coordinator, and answered any questions that came up. The compact form and school policy were also provided.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ralph Askins Elementary will take the following actions to provide families of participating children with the following:

- Timely information about the Title 1 programs

- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide Title 1 funds, transportation, child care, home visits, and other services related to parent and family engagement
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the families of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, in a language the families can understand.

Ralph Askins will distribute the compact form and engagement policy to families via hard copy and social media. The families can find a PowerPoint, compact form, and the policy on the school's webpage. Upcoming school events will be advertised on the school's social media page. Announcements will also be made via hard copy flyers.

## **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

Ralph Askins Elementary will take the following actions to jointly develop with families of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how families, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

Ralph Askins Elementary holds a meeting once a year to have parents and family members read over and study the compact form. The compact form is provided to the members of the meeting, and allowed to discuss and make suggestions on how to improve the form. The family engagement coordinator will also attend the meeting and answer any questions that arise. The compact form is also available at several title 1 engagements and on the school's website.

## **RESERVATION OF FUNDS**

Ralph Askins Elementary will take the following actions to involve the families of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent:

Parents are given the opportunity to participate in the Possip surveys each month. Annually, one question directly asks parents how they would like to see Title I funds spent in our school system.

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

Ralph Askins Elementary will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support families in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

Ralph Askins holds a community fair once a year during parent-teacher conferences for parents to attend. Community members set up booths for families to visit and see what the community has to offer. Families are encouraged to visit the booths and receive/signs up for resources.

Fayetteville City Schools, in coordination with the Stronger Connection Grant social workers, hosted a back-to-school bash following our open houses in July 2025. School clubs and organizations, as well as community organizations, were invited to set up informational booths highlighting their programs and resources available for families.

Additionally, Ralph Askins implemented a facility dog into the school this year. Henry is a trained emotional support dog from Retrieving Independence in Nashville, Tennessee. Henry works with all students at Ralph Askins to provide emotional comfort.

Fayetteville City Schools partners with Hands of Mercy to provide weekend food bags to economically disadvantaged students. The bags are called “BOBS” (bags of blessings). These bags provide students with easy-to-fix meals and snacks to keep them full over the weekend.

Fayetteville City Schools provided “Hanger Kits” for teachers this year. Each teacher is equipped with a snack box that is replenished as needed. If a student needs a little extra food for that day, teacher are allowed to provide them a snack. These kits help make sure the child's basic needs are met so the student is ready and willing to learn.

Ralph Askins Elementary participates in the “Blue Ribbon Walk” each year in conjunction with Jr.’s House. Jr.’s House is our local child advocacy center. The walk is the major fundraiser for the year. Select students attend the walk for the cause. The center serves students in our district when there is a need.

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

Ralph Askins Elementary will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of families, in the value and utility of contributions of families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between families and the school by:

maximizing family engagement and participation in their children’s education, arranging school meetings at a variety of times, and developing roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in family engagement activities.

Ralph Askins Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as families may request by:

Ralph Askins offers parents and families opportunities to be involved in the school. Ralph Askins School's Morning Show announcements are recorded and posted to the school's Facebook page daily to keep parents informed of current events within the school.

RAS hosts Grandparents' Day annually to include all members of the community. The school's theme this year was friendship bracelets. Grandparents were invited into the school to make a friendship bracelet with their grandchild.

In February, RAS hosted "Parent-Teacher Conferences Scavenger Hunt." Parents and students played an interactive "Scavenger Hunt" game during conferences. The game included parents and students stopping by and seeing a special area teacher, looking at data with our reading coach, playing a literacy game with a reading specialist, and much more.

Additionally:

- RAS principal, Brittany Baker, sent weekly emails to parents keeping them informed of upcoming events during the week.
- RAS posts current information for parents on the marquee in the front of the building
- RAS hosted awards programs after each quarter to recognize students for their academic achievements
- RAS Stronger Connections Grant Social Workers and RAS Parent Involvement Coordinators invited RAS parents and students to attend the many events throughout the year.
- RAS hosted "Thanksgiving Lunch" in November, inviting family members in to eat a delicious Thanksgiving-style lunch with their child. This event had a huge turnout and is a family favorite.
- RAS honored all 5th-grade students by highlighting them on the morning show and the school's social media page.
- RAS hosted two meet-and-greets with community members this year. Men in the fall and Women in the spring. These community members lined the entrances and greeted students as they arrived.
- Stronger Connections Grant school counselors hosted "From TikTok to Table Talk: Keeping Kids Safe Online
- FCS social workers and parent involvement coordinators worked together to host "Doughnuts with Grownups," a parent support group for all FCS parents and guardians.
- RAS organizes and holds Fall Blast each November. This gets the family into the school to play fun games and win prizes.
- RAS inducts select 4th and 5th-grade students into Beta Club with an induction ceremony.
- PTO Meetings are held monthly at RAS. Our PTO is parent led. The meetings are held to discuss upcoming events at RAS. Parents, teachers, and the title 1 coordinator attend.
- RAS hosts Tiger Tracks each year. This is a field day where parents are welcome to come and join. The day begins with a walk around the neighborhood surrounding the school. Community leaders like the police and fire department, lead the parade.
- FCS conducts monthly School Board Meetings. Student guests are often invited to participate in these board meetings. The public (students, faculty, staff, parents, and community stakeholders) is always welcome to attend. The meetings are videotaped and posted to the Fayetteville City Schools YouTube account.

- RAS holds a Christmas program presented by the Kindergarten class. Parents, community members, and stakeholders are invited into the school to hear Christmas carols.
- RAS holds a book pumpkin character contest each year in the school library. This is a family project that encourages participation. Families work together to decorate the pumpkin like their favorite book character. Prizes are awarded.
- FCS utilizes Possip for rapid pulse-check surveys to gather parent feedback. Possip surveys typically arrive via text on Fridays, allowing parents to share praise or concerns in about a minute to improve school engagement.



## Fayetteville City Schools

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Join us for our Back to School Bash on Thursday, July 31, starting at 3:30 p.m. behind FHS/FMS! There will be Kid Zone fun, food truck... [See more](#)

**BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

**MUSIC BY STRANGERS WITH FRIENDS**  
4:30-5:30 PM

**KID ZONE**  
(FACE PAINTING, BUBBLES, GAMES, SIDEWALK CHALK)  
3:30-6:00 PM

**JULY 31, 2025**  
BEGINNING AT 3:30 PM

**FOOD TRUCKS**  
3:30-7:00 PM

**ACTIVITIES BEHIND FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**DOOR PRIZES**

**CLOTHING DRIVE**  
3:30-6:00 PM

**RAS**  
Ralph Askins School

**FMS FAYETTEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**FAYETTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Guest speaker**  
**Dr. Tommie Mabry**  
6 p.m. at  
**FHS Tiger Stadium**





# THANKSGIVING LUNCH

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| <p><i>Wednesday, Nov. 19</i></p> <p>Kindergarten: 10:50 a.m.<br/>         3rd Grade: 11:20 a.m.<br/>         1st Grade: 11:55 a.m.<br/>         Pre-K: 12:20 p.m.</p> |  | <p><i>Thursday, Nov. 20</i></p> <p>2nd Grade: 11 a.m.<br/>         5th Grade: 11:40 a.m.<br/>         4th Grade: 12:15 p.m.</p> |
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If you did not RSVP, you are still welcome to come and sit with your child, but lunch cannot be purchased due to pre-ordered food counts.

If you did RSVP, please bring exact change: \$5 per meal







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RAS Morning Show for August 29, 2025. To watch replays of the show throughout the year, vi... See more



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A big thank you to all of our amazing grandparents who joined us at RAS today for Grandparents D... See more





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Congratulations to these students who placed among the top 10 in the RAS Library Book Charact... [See more](#)



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GET READY FOR OUR ANNUAL

# WOMEN'S MORNING MEET & GREET "LITTLE TIGERS"

Friday, April 24th  
6:45 AM — 8:00 AM

Ralph Askins Elementary School  
901 Shady Lane  
Fayetteville, TN 37334

Join us for a special morning of connection and encouragement!

Women from our community will be greeting students as they arrive—  
offering smiles, high-fives, and positive energy!



Help us make our Little Tigers feel seen, supported,  
and celebrated!

#TigerPride | #StrongStartsHere



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