



Title 1 School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy Ringgold Elementary School South Updated July 2026

Ringgold Elementary School South has developed a written Title I parent and family engagement policy with input from Title I parents. This policy is reviewed and revised during Title I parent meetings held throughout the school year. RESS will distribute the policy to parents of Title I students by placing the parent involvement policy on the district website, and in the yearly letter that goes home with all Title I students in September. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements (*ESSA*, Section 1116(a)(2)(A)).

Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program

To involve parents in the Title I program at Ringgold Elementary School South, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual Back to School Night at the beginning of each academic school year to which all parents shall be invited and encouraged to attend. Faculty and staff encourage parental involvement during the school year and inform them of their right to be involved. Families attending the annual Back to School Night will receive the yearly letter describing the Title I Program, compact, and resources. Those families who were unable to attend will receive this information by sending it home with students. Additionally, a copy of the letter, this policy, and the student parent school compact will be made available on the school website and always at a parent's request (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(1)).
- The school involves parents of all Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and policies. The school will solicit input from Title I parents at least once each school year (*ESSA*, Section 1116(b)(1)). All parents are invited to the annual Title I meeting, as well as monthly meetings with the parent teacher association for the school, during which the principal provides Title I information and explains the rights of parents to be involved in their child's education. The school provides parents with timely information about Title I programs. Information will be communicated through handouts, the school web page, and at parent teacher association meetings (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(4)(A)). This includes planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program and family engagement.

- Parents will be given the option to meet in the morning and/or the evening with their child's teacher during parent teacher conferences (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(2)). Parents may also request to meet with the teacher along with Title I staff at any given time during the school year.
- Parents of all students will be provided with additional resources to help their students succeed, such as newsletters and/or free resource book order forms.
- Ringgold Elementary School South provides opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(3)). Parents are asked to complete a survey on the school web page. The purpose of the survey is to help with the Schoolwide Program Plan under Section 1114. By providing that survey, the school can determine a direction for student achievement and staff development (*ESSA*, Section 1116(5)). Parents may also attend the annual Title I meeting, during which the schoolwide plan is discussed.
- The school provides Title I parents with timely information about Title I programs. Information will be communicated through handouts, the school web page, the Ringgold School District App, and at parent teacher association meetings (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(4)(A)). This includes planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program and family engagement.
- The school provides parents of participating children with a description of the curriculum in use at the school, along with any academic assessments used to measure student progress. They also discuss the proficiency levels students are expected to meet (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(4)(B)).
- Parents can also request to meet with their child's teacher along with Title I staff at any given time during the school year to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(4)(C)).

School-Parent Compact

Ringgold Elementary School South distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes different ways the school and families will work together to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students at our annual meeting (*ESSA*, Section 1116(d)(1-2)(A-D)).

- Educate students, teachers, families and school staff about the importance of daily reading.
- Report on reading and math performance and create programs to encourage achievement in these areas.
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning (please refer to the Title 1 Compact).
- The importance of ongoing communication between home and school, including the opportunity for parent-teacher conferences.
- The importance of the student's role when it comes to being at school each day and doing their best work.
- Ringgold Elementary School South provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the state assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with their teachers to improve academic goals with their children (*ESSA, Section 1116(6)(e)(1)*).

Building Capacity for Involvement

Ringgold Elementary School South will educate teachers, specialized instructional support teachers, and other staff, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and family members, and in how to communicate, and work with parents and family members as equal partners to build ties between the parents and family members, as well as the school (*ESSA, Section 1116(6)(e)(3)*).

- Ringgold Elementary School South will integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs including public preschool programs and conduct other activities, that encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children (*ESSA, Section 1116(6)(e)(4)*). This includes assistance in understanding the state assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with their teachers to improve academic goals for their children.
 - Back to School Night
 - Title I Night
- The school provides Title I parents with materials and opportunities for training/workshops to help them work with their children to improve academic goals (*ESSA, Section 1116(6)(e)(1)*).
 - Newsletters
 - Free Resource Book Order Forms
 - Title I Night

- The school provides parents with a description of the curriculum in use at the school, along with any academic assessments used to measure student progress. They also discuss the proficiency levels students are expected to meet (*ESSA*, Section 1116(c)(4)(B)).
- Ringgold Elementary School South provides opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
- The school will take the following actions to ensure that information related to school and/or parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of Title I students in a format that is practical, and to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand (*ESSA*, Section 1116(6)(e)(5)):
 - Postings on the RESS web page
 - Fliers carried home by students
 - Newsletters
 - Phone blasts (One Call System)
 - Ringgold SD App

Accessibility

Ringgold Elementary School South provides opportunities for participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand (*ESSA*, Section 1116(7)(f)).

- Annual invitations to attend the annual Back to School Night and Title 1 Night will go out in a flyer and will be posted on the school webpage. Flyers and school notices will be sent home in the home language of the family. The school will make translation services available if families are in need of a translator at these meetings or events.