

ACADEMY OF RICHMOND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT SUCCESS

2026-2027 School Year

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WHAT IS TITLE 1?

ARC is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student

Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and

Local reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic

standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I

programs must be based on effective means of improving

student achievement and include strategies to support family

engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with

parents and family members a written parent and family

engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

WHAT IS IT?

This is a plan that describes how the Academy of Richmond County will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. ARC values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that the school will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

HOW IS IT REVISED?

ARC invited all parents to attend our Annual Input Meeting last spring to review & revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget.

Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement.

Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. If the plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any comments to the district office.

WHO IS IT FOR?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan, which is discussed each year during the Input Meeting. ARC will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Transportation and childcare will be provided when available.

WHERE IS IT AVAILABLE?

At the beginning of the year, the Richmond County Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student code of conduct book that is given to all students. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be posted on the school website and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2026-2027 DISTRICT GOALS

- During the 2026-2027 school year, we will increase content mastery for student groups in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 3%.

2026-2027 SCHOOL GOALS

- By May 2027, the percentage of Literature II students scoring Developing Learner or above on the End of Course (EOC) exam will increase by at least 3% from (unknown %) to (unknown %). In addition, the percentage of U.S. History students scoring Developing Learner or above on the End of Course exam will increase by at least 3 percentage points from 49% to 52%.
- By May 2027, the percentage of Algebra I students scoring Developing Learner or above on the End-of-Course (EOC) exam will increase by at least 3% from 44% to 47%. In addition, the percentage of Biology I students scoring Developing Learner or above on the End-of-Course(EOC) exam will increase by at least 3% from 44% to 47%.
- By July 2027, ARC's 2027 four-year graduation rate will increase by 3% from the previous year's 89% to at least 92%, as measured by the USHA cohort graduation calculation and confirmed through school-based cohort data review cycles administered every three weeks throughout the school year

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

As part of this plan, ARC and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and our students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Title 1 meetings and forums. The school-parent compacts are located in the guidance and front office and are also available on the school website for quick access to parents if parents need another copy.

Get it Down

Open House- August 4, 2026 12:00PM-6:00PM

- Opportunity for introductions to the new school year and gain helpful information for the school year

Musketees Connect- September 2026 9:00AM, December 2026

12:00PM, February 2027 9:00AM, April 2027 12:00PM

- An opportunity for parents to engage with school support staff (School Social Worker, MTSS Facilitator, Instructional Specialist, Counselors, School Psychologist, etc.) to discuss various topics throughout the year, such as acclimating to high school, mental health concerns, supporting your child through academic barriers
- **Annual Title 1 Meeting- September 29, 2026 5:00pm**
Review ARC goals, district goals and review school documents for the 2026-2027 school year

School Council Meeting- October 2026 3:30pm

- An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

School Council Meeting- February 2027 3:30pm

- An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

Title 1 Spring Input Meeting- March 2027 4:00pm

- Parental input and revision of the school compact and policy

School Council Meeting- April 2027 3:30pm

- An opportunity to engage in collaboration between staff, students, community members, and other stakeholders regarding decisions impacting ARC

There will be additional opportunities for parent & student engagement this school year! Please stay tuned to the ARC website/parent newsletter for more information!

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

ARC High believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

- Come visit the Parent Resource Center in the ARC media center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with our child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00am-1:00pm

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

ARC High and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

SCHOOL COUNCIL

ARC High invites all parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Council, please contact Mrs. Thompson, assistant principal via email at: ThompCa1@BOE.richmond.k12.ga.us

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

ARC will implement the following measures to lay a foundation of

success for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is published in languages accessible to our parents needs, and available in multiples locations, such as the school website and the school newsletters
- Provide ongoing trainings to faculty and staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings
- Partner with college and career ready resources or organizations or others programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning
- Provide information to parents to ensure that they understand their child's academic standards and assessments, as well as the ways to monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Provide frequent communication to parents via the school website, newsletters, shout point calls, social media to families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve achievement.
- Collect feedback from parents and families in order to improve the school's opportunities for parent and family engagement activities.



ARC High is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.