



Ringgold Elementary School

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School Parent Engagement Plan

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District

Benton School District

Grade Levels

K-4

Building Facilitator and District Coordinator

Rhonda Redmond

Title I Status

School wide

Percent of free and reduced lunch

60

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

Rhonda Redmond, Parent Involvement Coordinator

Robin Sparks, Counselor

Sara Dockery, Reading paraprofessional

Deborah Carafello, Parent

Erika Perkins, Parent

Laci Goff, 2nd Grade teacher

1. Provide information on state academic standards, assessments...

Ringgold will provide data annually in a Report to the Public sharing test scores, Title 1 programs, curriculum information, etc. with stakeholders. This meeting will take place before October 1st of each year and cover test score and data from the previous testing year.

Test scores will be sent home annually with each child sharing how he/she performed on the previous year's ACT Aspire and high stakes testing.

Grade reports will be shared every quarter with parents explaining how their child is mastering the academic standards.

2. Provide materials/training to help parents work with their children

The school's reading specialist will create materials explaining the school's involvement with the state's reading initiative and how the parents can be involved in supporting the goals of this initiative. It will be distributed at P.A.L.S. (Parents Assuring Literary Success) Meetings. These meetings are scheduled throughout the school year.

Teachers will hold conferences individually with parents of children in their classrooms. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the child in reaching achievement goals. Parents will be asked to engage in discussion of how they can support these efforts. Parents will also be given suggestions for coordinating school parent efforts and explanations of homework and grading procedures. District Scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences

Information nights will be held with various outside speakers as well as in house experts throughout the year to cover topics such as nutrition and academics. There will be nights centered around specific subject areas and topics such as: Family Math Night, Family Literacy Night, Health & Nutrition, Online Safety.

The school newsletter (The Gold Medal) will provide parenting tips each month. Ringgold will send home monthly a Home Connect newsletter as well as Refrigerator Recipes that will give practical advice as well as academic activities to do at home for parents.

The school will encourage parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support for student learning:

Library assistant

Reading buddy

Teacher assistant

Room Moms

Green Team

Career Day

Tutor

Book fair helpers

Grandparents Day

Awards day presentation

Field day volunteers

Parent education workshops

Orientation presentations

Open House

Parent school organization

Red Ribbon week

Choir Concerts & Performances

T.O.T. Performances

3. May establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section.

Annual district level parental engagement team meeting.

Ringgold will use the parent engagement committee to help develop the plan annually. Parents will give input into the plan as well as assist in creating a possible timeline of events.

4. Educate the staff in the value and utility of contributions of parents, build ties between parents and the school.

The state requires no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understanding of effective parental engagement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent engagement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

The school will solicit advice from parents through a needs assessment survey annually. The school will use feedback to coordinate events for the school year.

School staff, parents, and students will develop a school parent student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact.

The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.

The school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees. To support this process, the school will offer both school staff and parents training on how to contribute to this process in a meaningful way.

5. Coordination of other programs with Parent and Family Engagement activities.

The HIPPY program is housed at Ringgold and is utilized by our local community.

The school will work with PTO to bring events that parents and students can participate in such as:

Fall Festival

Father/Daughter Dance

Mother/Son Event

The school will provide informative family nights such as:

ELL Family Night

Literacy/Math/Science Nights

Music Programs

Online Safety Training

Healthy Eating/Meal Planning Night

6. Send information to parents in a language they can understand.

Forms are available in Spanish for our Spanish speaking population.

Translators are used for school events to prohibit a language barrier.

Parenting pamphlets offered in Spanish.

7. Involve parents in development for training of staff

An annual survey is taken to secure input from parents as to the needs at Ringgold and assist with planning events.

Parent input is solicited for decisions regarding school improvement and Title 1 planning.

8. Literacy training for parents.

Literacy Nights to share strategies and train parents how to assist their child at home.

P.A.L.S. (Parents Assuring Literacy Success) meetings train parents on strategies to use at home, inform them of the best practices used at school, and provides them with materials that they can use at home with their child.

Refrigerator Recipes offers monthly activities in literacy with easy to follow instructions that parents are encouraged to use at home to enrich their child's learning.

9. Pay expenses related to Parent & Family Engagement activities

Parent Engagement funds provide materials for P.A.L.S. Luncheon meetings.

Parent Engagement funds are used to support Family Math/Science/Literacy Nights.

Parent Engagement funds are used to purchase parenting materials sent home including: Home Connect, Refrigerator Recipes, & Smart Parenting

10. Train parents to enhance the involvement of parents

Parents & Volunteers complete a training at the beginning of the year or with Ms. Redmond before they begin volunteering.

PTO works closely with parents to recruit and train volunteers for events.

11. Flexible meetings/in-home conferences

Parent Teacher conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m. twice per year

PTO meetings during school day and evening times throughout the year

P.A.L.S Luncheons during the school day

Literacy/Math/Science Nights in the evenings

12. Adopt and implement model approaches

Ringgold Elementary School's Parent Engagement Committee is dedicated to following research based approaches to implement and foster parent engagement at school. The 504 coordinator and certified personnel on the committee attends annual professional development in Parent Engagement to stay current with best practices, as well as keep current with professional readings on the topic.

13. Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses.

On Ringgold's career day, community workers come and present an overview of their careers to Ringgold students. These may include: storm chasers, electricians, medical technicians, police, firemen, FedEx, etc.

The local Fire Department hosts the smoke house drills once per year at Ringgold. They also present a fire safety presentation as well as host a coloring contest for K and a escape route contest of a model of their home for 3rd.

The Ralph Bunch Community donates school supplies to Ringgold students.

OddFellows Lodge donates school supplies and a monetary donation to Ringgold in August.

Regions Bank assists in opening car doors and greeting students as a part of a community outreach.

Benton PD frequently, in addition to the SRO's, come do safety visits at Ringgold.

14. Provide other reasonable support as parents request

Parents can find all teachers email addresses online or on the Benton Schools App and can email questions or concerns 24/7

Teachers use Remind or Class Dojo to communicate with parents frequently.

Alert Now is used to keep parents informed of important issues arising.

The Ringgold Needs Survey allows parents to make suggestions or requests for activities and practices.