

Feedback

All Stakeholders at Rigdon Road Elementary School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback. For any part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact, that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide suggestions and feedback. Please send those suggestions and/or feedback to the school office and/or Parent Contact Representative. Thank you for your continued support!

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Please scan the QR code to provide feedback.

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Visit Our Parent Resource Center/Area

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, workbooks, and many other resources available for families to checkout or keep for use at home. Our Parent Contact is Mrs. Dominique Scott McNeil. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home. Our Parent Center/Area is located near the office in the Parent Room.

Please contact Mrs. Scott McNeil for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

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Muscogee County School District Mission

Our mission is to inspire and equip all students to achieve unlimited potential.

Muscogee County School District Vision

MCSD is a beacon of educational excellence where all are known, valued, and inspired.



RIGDON ROAD ELEMENTARY

Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact 2026-2027

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Our School Goals

Rigdon Road Elementary School will provide all students with high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to meet high academic standards.

School's SMART Goal:

Climate Goal: By May 2027, 80% of teachers will implement the Leader in Me Framework Highly Effective Practices in Leadership, Academics, and Culture with fidelity.

Instructional Goal: By May 2027, 100% of grade-level teachers will engage in bi-weekly collaborative planning.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Rigdon Road Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnership as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

The National PTO 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

Working Together To Ensure Success

Rigdon Road Elementary will...



- K-2nd teachers will create a partnership with every family in our classroom and provide opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe and participate in classroom activities
- K-5 teachers will coordinate activities for Math and Literacy Night and share strategies with families on how to help students at home.
- K-2nd teachers will implement multiple successful learning targets to increase students' achievement through rigor and differentiated focused instructional strategies, using formative assessment throughout learning and setting individual student goals.
- K-5th teachers will establish open lines of communication with parents concerning their child's school performance
- K-5th teachers will send home weekly folders to display student work, including weekly conduct grades.
- K-5th grade teacher will teach the Leader in Me lessons 3 times a week to support our SIP goal.

Ms. Shermaine Derrick, Principal

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Leader in Me®

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As Students, we will...



- K-2nd will set achievement goals for themselves to succeed in school, reach for the stars in reading, writing, and math, and discuss our academic goals with their families.
- K-5th will practice the PBIS and Leader in Me expectations of our school throughout the learning day.
- 3rd-5th will practice genre writing each night and share their writings with their families.
- 3rd-5th will work on math and reading skills at home, using the materials our teachers send home.

As Families, we will...



- K-2nd parents will use reading and math materials and strategies the teacher sends home each week to help our children improve their academic abilities. Communicate any questions or concerns with teachers.
- K-5th parents will learn and discuss the 7 habits from Leader in Me at home.
- 3rd-5th parents will communicate with our children's teacher regarding any questions or concerns about our children's individual goals for learning.
- 3rd-5th parents will attend Reading and Math Night as well as at least one other parenting workshop with our children to practice new ways to support him/her in reading and math.

Our District Goals

- **By June 2031**, Muscogee County School District will increase the percentage of students performing at or above grade-level readiness by 20 percentage points through the implementation of evidence-based instructional practices, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring across all schools.
- **By June 2031**, Muscogee County School District will reduce districtwide chronic absenteeism by a minimum of 20% from the established baseline year (2025–2026), as measured by official student attendance data reported through the state accountability system.

ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance: Rigdon Road Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents:

Curriculum Information: Inform parents throughout the year about what their child is learning by providing parent and family engagement meetings and workshops, parent-teacher conferences, information on Canvas, and on our school website.

Student Progress Monitoring: Ensure families are familiar with the online resource Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessments, course history, and much more. Monitoring student progress in school is an important way to be involved in their education.

Parent Resources: Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to checkout materials to assist them with helping their child at home.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

Communication: Ensure schools publish all information related to school workshops, programs, meetings, and activities are communicated on a regular basis.

Transition Support: Partner with early childhood programs, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, college and career organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare families and their children for successful school transitioning.

Communication

Rigdon Road is committed to keeping open lines of communication with families. We have several ways to communicate. We utilize two-way communication through the school website, email, phone calls, parent conferences, social media, class dojo, Infinite Campus and Canvas to reach our students and families.

Rigdon Road will also provide materials at conferences and workshops to help parents work with their children at home. Parents can request additional conferences by contacting the school or their child's teacher.

Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Weekly homework folders
- Messages XR phone calls and/or text messages
- Updates on the school's website
- Parent Emails
- Parent-teacher conferences
- Weekly Parent Newsletter
- Class Dojo

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact developed and revised?

Each Title I school will conduct a yearly annual meeting to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact. Each school will invite all families to provide input on revisions to the policy/compact. Families are welcome to provide input throughout the year via feedback forms, emails, comments, or telephone. The revised policy/compact will be available throughout the year in our parent resource area and on our school website.

Where is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Compact available and who is it for?

The Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact and all other Title I information is designated for all families and is available on our school's website under the Title I Parent Section. Families can also find paper copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact in our Parent Center/Area and at Parent and Family Engagement meetings. All families at Rigdon Road are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. Rigdon Road will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Rigdon Road Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Rigdon Road Elementary School values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent and family engagement and how families are encouraged to be full partners in the decision-making of their child's education.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is a written agreement that outlines how our school, our students, and our families will work together to ensure the academic success of all students. An effective School-Parent Compact contains the following elements:

- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our annual review meeting
- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Review and revise the School-Parent Compact at meetings and workshops throughout the year to assure we are diligent in our efforts to support academic success for all students.

What is Title I?

Rigdon Road Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**. Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high-quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I program must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement. Parents and family members of children receiving services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parent and family engagement activities and resources.

Building Partnerships

Rigdon Road Elementary collaborates with families and community partners to provide multiple workshops and trainings at various times that meet the needs of the parents and support Parent and Family Engagement at the school. We will offer the following activities to build our partnership with families:

- Annual Title I Parent Meeting - To inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights under Title I.
- Parent and Family Engagement/School-Parent Compact Review Meeting
- Reading and Literacy Meeting
- Technology Meeting
- Georgia Milestones Meeting
- Transition Meetings
- Additional Activities to Build Parent Capacity

Please visit our website regularly and check emails/notifications to learn about dates, times and other details about upcoming events.

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