

Visit Our Parent Resource Center/Area

Our Parent Resource Center/Area has learning games, books, workbooks, and many other resources available for families to check out or keep for use at home. Our school representative is also 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 in the school's Media Center.

Please contact the school for additional information about our Parent Resource Center, resources available for checkout, and volunteer opportunities.

School Phone Number: (706) 748-3072

Website: <http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/riverroad/>

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.



RIVER ROAD ELEMENTARY

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

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Our School Goals

River 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 Goals:

- By May of 2027, 85% of River Road teachers will increase their implementation of Rigorous Tier I Instruction as measured by standardized Focus Walk rubric and end-of-year instructional data reports.
- By May of 2027, River Road will improve its learning environment by decreasing student discipline referrals by 15% and increasing positive responses on the Spring Stakeholder Wellness Survey from 70%-85%.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

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

The National PTA 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

River Road Elementary will...



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-5th 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.
- 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.

Mr. Carlos Jackson, Principal

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-2nd will work hard to achieve their progress learning goals.
- 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.
- K-2nd parents will help our children see how to use writing and reading to pursue his/her interest and career goals. They will also communicate with teachers with any questions and/or concerns.
- 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, Writing, 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: River 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. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Staff Trainings: Conduct staff development quarterly 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 in both English and Spanish and 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

River 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, Infinite Campus, and Canvas to reach our students and families.

River 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. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, family engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside. If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact the school at (706) 748-3072.

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

- Weekly homework folders
- Dojo
- Canvas
- Phone calls and/or text messages
- Updates on the school's website
- Parent Emails
- Parent-teacher conferences

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent 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 revision 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-Parent 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 River Road are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities as described in our Parent and Family Engagement Policy/School-Parent Compact. River 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 River Road Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. River 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?

River 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 programs 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

River 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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