

River Trails Elementary

Family Engagement Policy 2020 - 2021



Welcome to River Trails Elementary!

Our current enrollment at River Trails Elementary is 610+ students in Kindergarten through 6th grade, and in addition to an emphasis on the core academic subjects, River Trails Elementary provides many opportunities for whole-child development, through P.E., music, Suzuki Strings, art, and recess, along with extracurricular activities. In 2019, River Trails Elementary received an “A” rating from the Texas Education Agency, and earned 5 out of 6 distinction designations, including Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading, Math, Top 25% Comparative Academic Growth, Top 25% Comparative Closing the Achievement Gap, and Post-Secondary Readiness. River Trails Elementary has also been recognized for our high achievement and student success the last two year by being named a 2018 and a 2019 Honor Roll School by Educational Results Partnership (ERP). Our Family Engagement Policy outlines our dedication to engage our families in their children’s educations in order to meet or exceed state academic standards.

Statement of Purpose

The Title 1 Family Engagement section of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Title 1 schools to jointly develop with and distribute to families of participating children a written family engagement policy. This policy will be reviewed annually.

Family Engagement Policy Review

Annually, parents and school staff will work to review, revise, and improve the Family Engagement policy as needed. The policy will be posted on our campus website.

<https://www.hebisd.edu/rivertrails>

School Compact

Our campus, along with parents, developed a learning compact that explains the shared responsibilities of students, parents, and staff members. These shared responsibilities are necessary for student academic success. Compacts are explained and distributed each school year during fall parent conferences. Our compact is reviewed annually with families, as well as redistributed throughout the year. The Family Engagement Compact can be found on the school’s website in both English and Spanish. The 2020-2021 Parent Compact will be distributed at fall parent conferences in October/November 2020.

Annual Campus Title 1 Meeting

River Trails Elementary uses Title 1 funds to provide school-wide services for students. At the beginning of each school year, we will hold an annual meeting to inform families how Title 1 funds are used at our campus to promote student achievement.

Family Engagement Opportunities

River Trails Elementary will build the capacity for strong parental involvement/engagement by encouraging parents to participate in the following opportunities included, but not limited to:

- Content Specific Nights
- Grade Level Academic Meetings
- PTA/Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)
- All Pro Dad’s Club
- Online Gradebook (HAC – Home Access Center)

Additionally, our school will provide resources that encourage and support parents in the education of their student. Information will be provided in a format that is easy to understand. Spanish-translated and Arabic-translated communications will be used as necessary.

Staff/Parent Communication

Our campus welcomes two-way communication throughout the school year. Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts, phone calls, emails, Facebook announcements, and/or written notes will be utilized to establish and maintain open lines of communication. Families are strongly encouraged to contact their student’s teacher(s) when they are concerned about an issue. Parents have access to parenting/family resources through the HEB ISD Department of Family Engagement, Community Outreach, and Teacher Support website.

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Annual Evaluation

Families will be surveyed annually to review the effectiveness of our Family Engagement Policy. The survey will encourage feedback from families to strengthen our program, identify barriers, and provide input to increase participation. Results from the survey will be shared with our Campus Parent Advisory Committee (CPAC) to review and/or revise our Family Engagement Policy as needed. The CPAC will consist of staff, parents/guardians, and community members.



