



Rama Road Elementary - Parent Engagement Policy 2023-24

The Title I parent engagement policy for Rama Road Elementary encourages each parent to be involved in their child's education. During the 2023-24 school year in addition to joining the PTA, families have access to the following activities/strategies to strengthen our family & school relationships:

- Parents will receive a copy of the Parent Engagement Policy which includes the activities and initiatives being held to inform and involve parents in their child's education (this document). This document will also be available on our website.
- Parents will receive a copy of the Parent/School Learning Compact in their child's agenda in grades K-5. Parents will also receive a hard copy of the document during first quarter and during parent teacher conferences. This agreement between the parent, student, teacher, and administrative team (in both English and Spanish) clearly outlines everyone's responsibility in the learning process.
- A Title I Parent Meeting will be held on September 19th in conjunction with our first semester Curriculum Night for grades Pre-K through fifth and during Open House. The meeting will include the following items: Explanation of Title I and Every Student Succeeds Act, description of parent rights, assessment information, and ways parents can be involved in their child's education including participation in creation of the School Improvement Plan.
- Parents will also have an opportunity to give input and feedback into the school improvement planning as members of the School Improvement Team.
- Parents will complete a Parent & Family Survey in the Spring 2024 provided by Rama Road Elementary to give feedback and input into the academic programming at RRES.

The following is a list of programs and activities that Rama Road Elementary is initiating to actively involve parents and increase parent – school partnerships:

- An Open House will be held on August 24, 2023, from 3:30-5:30 PM. This “drop-in” event will give parents and students an opportunity to meet their teacher for the upcoming school year. Behavioral expectations and homework policies for the year will be discussed. Sardis Presbyterian Church will also host a Back-to-School ice cream social at this event.
- MiiKE (Men Invested in Kids' Education) – Male role models in the Rama Road community are encouraged to sign up for this special volunteer opportunity. Hours are flexible and matched to a person's schedule and strength areas. For example – mentoring, helping with small projects around the school, opening car doors for morning arrival, being a reading buddy, etc. We have a role for everyone!

- Two special Curriculum Nights with a focus on STEM (February 1st) and Art & Writing (March 28th) will be held. At both events, dinner will be provided to attract more parents/families. These events will provide parents, teachers, and students an opportunity to work together on specific content objectives, strategies, and ways parents can support their children's education at home.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled the week of October 23rd. Our goal is to conference with 100% of our parents. Translators (School Interpreter) will be available for translation. Teachers have been given the flexibility to meet up to one week before or after this date to accommodate parents with challenging schedules. For those parents who are not able to attend at Rama, home visits or phone conferences will be utilized.
- Doughnuts with Denny will be scheduled for parents and community members to participate in an open communication format with the Principal: **Oct. 13th at 8:30 am, Jan. 19th at 8:30 am and Mar. 8th at 8:30 am.** Participants will have a chance to share their ideas and give input into what programs are sponsored by Rama Road as well as hear the latest information about what comes next for students.
- Three student performance nights will be scheduled. The dates for these performances are October 26 (Grades 4-5), December 14 (Grades 2-3) and May 16 (Grades K-1).

One **Open School Week** will be scheduled so that parents can sign up to come in and sit in their child's class to observe instruction, classroom routines and student interaction/engagement within the learning environment. This is a time for parents to learn more about academic programming and high-quality instruction offered at Rama Road Elementary. Open School Week is not for parent teacher conference times or times for parents to volunteer in the classroom. Join us for Open School Week during the week of February 5-9.

- Teachers will create an MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) intervention plan for all below grade level students. The plan will identify specific strengths and deficits for each student. Progress around the plan will be shared with parents periodically over the course of the year.
- School newsletters in English and Spanish will be sent home once each month. These newsletters will include valuable information for parents regarding upcoming events, tips, and strategies for working with students at home, and the latest news regarding the staff and students at Rama Road. Parents will also receive a monthly calendar of events and activities with Spanish translation.
- Each child will be provided a student agenda free of charge to facilitate two-way daily communication between the parent and the teacher. Student handbook notes and school policies are included at the front of the agenda in both English and Spanish. Families will also receive weekly communication from the school using Parent Square.
- Title I funds have been allocated to hire a full-time bi-lingual Translator/Interpreter. This person will facilitate strong family/school partnerships for all our families while coordinating all translation for ESL parents and families.
- Community and Volunteer Committee will meet monthly. This committee will work to coordinate after-school events involving teachers, the Parent Teacher Association, and our faith –based partner Sardis Presbyterian Church and Christ Episcopal Church.
- Rama Road Elementary will continue to foster strong partnerships with community organizations including Sardis Presbyterian Church, Christ Episcopal Church, Williams Subaru, Digi-Bridge, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Charlotte FC, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Providence Baptist Church, the Kiwanis Club, HEART Math Tutoring and Augustine Literacy Partners to better meet the needs of our students and their families.
- Parents are continuously encouraged to communicate with the teachers, support staff and administrative team at Rama Road Elementary. Our Open-Door policy is intended to facilitate strong family/school relationships.