

Rivercrest Elementary School  
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Wilson, AR 72395  
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Parent Involvement Policy 2014-15

- The school will conduct an Open House to inform parents about grade level objectives, benchmark scores, and the curriculum.
  - The school will convene monthly meetings of the Parent Advisory Council.
  - The school will provide parents with information about the student's progress through weekly graded papers.
  - The school will provide parents with information about programs and other activities via school website, classroom websites, reminder notices. Information about school events will be given via calendar and an electronic bulletin board placed in the hallway of the school.
  - The school will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
  - The school will use a school message system to inform parents of student attendance, behavior, progress and celebrations.
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- The school will arrange school meetings at various times to conduct conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children to ensure academic success.
  - Parent-Teacher conferences will be held twice a year to inform parents of grades, retention, portfolios, DIBELS, and performance on benchmark and IOWA test.
  - A Family Literacy and Math night will be implemented for parents and children to engage parents as partners in the education of their children, and to increase parent understanding of the curriculum.
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- The school will provide opportunities for parent and community to support instructional programs.
  - The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit other ideas on volunteer training.
  - The school will provide after-school training or activities for parents/guardians that will educate parents on how to improve student success and incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities at home.

- The school will provide computer training for parents.
  - The school will insure that teachers receive at least 2 hours of training in effective parental engagement strategies.
  - The school will work with parents in developing a parent compact to insure that they are aware of their responsibility, as well as the responsibilities of the teacher and the students, in the education of their children. The compact will be signed by parent, teacher, and student. Parents will receive a copy.
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- The school will include parents as members on school improvement planning committees.
  - The school will provide the opportunity for parents to establish a Parent/Teacher Organization to foster parent and community involvement.
  - The school will coordinate parent involvement strategies with Headstart as well as other pre-school programs.
  - The school will provide timely information concerning Title 1 meetings for parents, teachers and community leaders to attend and discuss the coming years' suggestions and recommendations. They will also discuss how the school can best work together to achieve the objectives of its Title 1 program.
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- The school will provide parents with family information packets which include surveys for volunteer interest and other ways parents can be come involved in their children education. The parent involvement plan will also be placed on the school website.
  - The school will purchase books, magazines, and other materials regarding responsible parenting. These materials will be maintained by the school library for parents to view and check out.
  - Parents will receive a school policy handbook, which describes the school's process for resolving parental concerns.
  - The school principal will designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as the parent facilitator. (Portia Routon/Miriam Carlton 870-655-8621)
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- The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the Schoolwide program by using a comprehensive needs assessment survey, filled out by the teachers, parents, and staff. This survey will collect specific information such as the number of parents participating in meetings, specific needs of parents, the effectiveness of specific strategies, and the engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.
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- The school will ask parents to complete an interest survey at the beginning of the year to get information concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial for the academic success of their child.
  - The school will use the results of the parent survey to plan activities for the year.

- The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by parents as a part of the annual parental involvement evaluation.
- The school will conduct a Title 1 meeting in May for parents of students who participate in the Title 1 program. This annual Title 1 meeting will be held separately from any other meeting, and will provide an explanation of the school curriculum, student progress, and proficiency level expectations.
- The agenda, sign in, and minutes will be separate from any other events and will be kept on file in the school office.