

**Judsonia Elementary School Engagement Plan
2022/2023**

Please read over the updated form closely. Note the new Assurances section allows you to confirm practices that are *required* but do not need further elaboration. In the response fields, please include links to additional information that can help support your story as you answer the guiding questions.

1: Jointly Developed

Describe how the School works with parents and families to develop and review relevant plans, policies, and strategies related to engagement.

Guiding Questions

- **1.1:** *How does the School - in collaboration with parents - establish an engagement plan that reflects the specific academic improvement needs of the School, and that includes programs and practices that enhance engagement and address the specific engagement needs of students and their families?*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(a)]
- **1.2:** *What efforts have been made to ensure adequate representation of parents and families of participating children in the process (Title I families)?*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(3)]

RJES will establish a committee containing staff and parents to jointly develop a written plan to encourage School, Parent, and Family Engagement.

- The committee will meet annually to review, update or improve the plan.

2: Communication

Describe how the School will communicate with and distribute information to parents and families.

Guiding Questions

- **2.1:** *How does the School distribute an informational packet appropriate for the age and grade of each child annually, ensuring to include:*
 - *description of the engagement program*
 - *recommended roles for parents, students, teacher, and the School*
 - *ways for a family to get involved*
 - *survey regarding volunteer interests*
 - *schedule of activities planned throughout the school year*
 - *regular, two-way, and meaningful system for parents/teachers to communicate*[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(i)]
- **2.2:** *How will the School ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings,*

and other activities is provided to parents in a format and in a language that parents can understand (to the extent practicable)?

- *How is relevant information provided in a variety of ways? (For example, paper copies made available, as well as social media posts, website links, parent apps, etc.?)*
[ESSA § 1116(e)(5)]
- **2.3:** *How does the School offer flexible opportunities for meetings with families?*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(2)]

RJES will use various communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

- A digital copy of the parent and family engagement plan will be made available via the Riverview School District website by August 1st and hard-copy will be issued via the student handbook. Parent signatures will be obtained (via handbook page) acknowledging the receipt of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- Each teacher will send home paper packets containing student work every week; usually on Tuesday. Parents will be asked to sign the folder and send it back to school.
- The school will provide parents progress reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be scheduled twice a year. These meetings can be scheduled at various times to accommodate parent work schedules. At parent request these conferences can take place online, by phone, or other types of individual meetings.
- The school will distribute notes and/or newsletters to parents as it pertains to tips for academic achievement and upcoming events. Including items such as: calendar of activities, and parenting tips related to school achievement such as homework tips, organizational skills, and study skills.
- The school uses telephone communication, email, and School Status, as a two-way communication between parents and teachers. This communication is used to inform parents of discipline issues, reminders, announcements, etc. Parents are able to communicate with teachers daily if needed.
- A digital sign in front of the school is used to inform parents of upcoming events.
- A district wide Facebook page is used to inform parents of events taking place within the school district.
- A district wide phone messaging system is used to inform parents of emergencies or other announcements .
- Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be sent home via newsletters and/or digital sign, and/or school status message.
- A survey will be sent home at the beginning of the year to gather information about parents' interests, abilities, and opportunities to be involved with their child's education.

Communication will be available through an interpreter or translated messages, as needed .

3: Building Staff Capacity

Describe activities that will be used with School staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

Guiding Questions

- **3.1:** *How does the School build staff capacity to work with parents as equal partners? This may include workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, and online resources that will be used to ensure ALL School staff (including teachers, specialized instructional personnel, principals, and other School leaders) are aware of:*
 - *the value and utility of contributions of parents [Title I schools]*
 - *how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners [Title I schools]*
 - *how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and the School [Title I schools]*
 - *how to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities [Title I schools]*
 - *that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning [all schools]*
 - *how to welcome parents into the School and seek parental support and assistance [all schools]*
 - *the School's process for resolving parent concerns as outlined in the School handbook, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions [all schools]*
- [ESSA § 1116(e)(3);14); A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5-7); A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B(ii))]

- All staff complete Professional Development on parental involvement, as required.
- Staff and parent communication is encouraged at all times to promote collaboration between home and school. Some ways we accomplish this is through school status, paper packets, and surveys.
- The RJES Parent Center is available to parents and staff for collaborating, training, and/or meeting with/or about students.

4: Building Parent Capacity

Describe how the School provides opportunities to build parents' capacity to play a role in their children's academic success. This may include conducting workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings or providing equipment or other materials.

Guiding Questions

- **4.1:** *How does the School provide timely information about the following:*
 - *a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the School*

- *the forms of State and Local academic assessments used to measure student progress, including alternate assessments*
- *the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards students are expected to meet*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(B)]
- **4.2:** *How does the School provide assistance to parents in understanding the following:*
 - *the requirements of Title I, Part A*
 - *how to monitor their child's progress*
 - *how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.*
[ESSA § 1116(e)(1)]
- **4.3:** *What types of materials and training does the School provide to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement? This may include:*
 - *literacy training*
 - *technology training, including education about copyright piracy and safe practices*
 - *resources that describe or assist with the child's curriculum*
 - *other activities such as workshops, conferences, online resources like tutorials or webinars, and any equipment or other materials, including parent resource centers*
[ESSA § 1116(e)(2)]
- **4.4:** *Involve parents of students at all grade levels in a variety of roles, including without limitation:*
 - *involvement in the education of their children*
 - *volunteer activities*
 - *learning activities and support classroom instruction*
 - *participation in School decisions*
 - *collaboration with the community*
 - *development of School goals and priorities*
 - *evaluating the effectiveness of the School-level Improvement Plan*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(1); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.03]
- **4.5:** *How does the School promote and support responsible parenting? The School shall, as funds are available:*
 - *purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative material regarding responsible parenting through the School library, advertise the current selection, and give parents an opportunity to borrow the materials for review*
 - *create parent centers*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(4)(A)]
- **4.6:** *How does the School provide instruction to parents on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation:*
 - *role play and demonstration by trained volunteers*
 - *the use of and access to Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website tools for parents [<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/>]*
 - *assistance with nutritional meal planning*
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(ii)(a-d)]

- The RJES Parent Center is available to parents and staff for collaborating, training, and/or meeting with/or about students.

- As funds allow, informational material regarding responsible parenting, developmental milestones, academic resources, strategies to help their child succeed in school will be made available in the Parent Center.
- Teachers will hold individual conferences two times a year with parents of their students. Parents will be given a summary of the student's test scores and an explanation of the interventions teachers are using to assist the student in reaching achievement goals.
- These following topics will also be explained to parents, as necessary:
 - Arkansas Academic Standards
 - State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - Title I, Part A requirements
 - Strategies parents can use to support their child's academic progress
 - Opportunities to partner with the school to support their child's academic achievements
 - Benefits of the parent portal on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website (<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/%E2%80%8B>)
- RJES will hold parent meetings/workshops to promote and support responsible parenting, provide academic materials/trainings to help parents to work with their children to improve achievement.
- RJES will hold meetings to collaborate with parents on the variety of ways to be involved at our school.

5: Coordination

Describe how the School will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners, including alumni, to provide additional supports, services, and resources to families.

Guiding Questions

- **5.1:** *How does the School investigate and utilize community resources in the instructional program?*
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 5.06]
- **5.2:** *How does the School coordinate and integrate programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs? Some examples include:*
 - *public preschool programs such as Head Start*
 - *organizations/activities to help students transition to elementary, middle, high, and postsecondary schools or careers*
 - *wraparound services that allow families to send their children to school ready and able to focus on learning*
[ESSA §1116(e)(4)]
- **5.3:** *In what ways does the School enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or*

*organization and ensure leaders of said organization will be included in appropriate decisions?
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(8)(B)(ii)]*

RJES will utilize community resources in the following ways:

- ABC Preschool is available for 20 qualifying students.
- Partner with area churches in our community to provide weekly food backpacks for hungry children.
- Partner with Arkansas Food Bank to provide food for hungry students.
- After school program developed through the Century 21 Grant- Smart Academy (community, volunteers and parents are involved in this program)
- Partner with community organizations such as Christmas for Kids, to provide Christmas needs and/or wishes to needy students.
- The school will partner with ARCare utilizing their resources to provide a supplemental reading program to students struggling in the area of reading comprehension and fluency.

6: Annual Title I Meeting *(Title I schools)*

Describe the details regarding the Annual Title I meeting used to inform parents of the requirements of Title I, the School's participation, and the parents' rights to be involved.

Guiding Questions

- **6.1:** *How and when (month/year) does the School conduct the Annual Title I meeting, ensuring that parents are informed of the following? (*Include a link to the detailed agenda, meeting minutes, and/or slide deck for this year's Annual Title I Meeting, if available.)*
 - *the requirements of Title I and the School's participation*
 - *the parents' rights under Title I (The Right to Know Teacher Qualifications, Right to Request Meetings)*
[ESSA § 1116(c)(1)]

- The school's participation in Title 1 and information on how parents can be involved will be discussed at our Open House on August 15, 2022. Complete copies of the RJES Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be available at this meeting.
- Sign in sheets showing parent participation will be used to collect data on parent involvement throughout the school year.
- The RJES Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be posted on the Riverview School District website by August 1, 2022.

7: School-Parent Compact *(Title I schools)*

Describe the process School will follow to jointly develop with parents a School-Parent Compact as required under Title I, Part A.

Guiding Questions

- **7.1:** *How does the School jointly develop a School-Parent Compact which does the following:*
 - *Outlines how parents, the entire School staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement*
 - *Addresses the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:*
 - *conferences (no fewer than 2 each year)*
 - *frequent reports on progress*
 - *reasonable access to staff*
 - *opportunities to volunteer*
 - *observation of classroom activities*

[ESSA § 1116(d)]
- **7.2:** *How do families access the compact in order to understand the shared responsibility for improved student academic achievement?*
 - *including parent-teacher conferences in elementary Schools, at least annually*
 - *Include a link or insert the language of the compact to demonstrate this requirement has been met.*

[ESSA § 1116(d)(2)(A)]

RJES will establish a committee containing staff and parents to jointly develop a written plan to encourage School, Parent, and Family Engagement.

- The committee will meet annually to review, update or improve the plan.
- This compact will be included in the handbook and signed by parents and students acknowledging it is the responsibility of all involved to improve student academic achievement.

8: Reservation of Funds *(Title I schools)*

Describe how the School uses Title I, Part A funds set-aside for parent and family engagement programs and activities.

Guiding Questions

- **8.1:** *If the School is a recipient of set aside funds for parent and family engagement (as part of receiving a Title I, Part A allocation greater than \$500,000):*
 - *How is the School spending those funds?*
 - *How does the School determine the priority of how funds are spent?*
 - *Who is involved in determining that?*

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(A)]
- **8.2:** *How does the School provide opportunities for parents and family members to be involved in providing input into how the funds are used?*

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(B); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(C); ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)(i-v)]

- Available Family Engagement funds will be used to purchase communication and informational material such as: responsible parenting, developmental milestones, Take Home Folders, and academic resources to be used by our stakeholders in the RJES Parent Center .
- Parents can submit suggestions on how the reserved funds are allotted.

Assurances

Please read the following statements closely. By checking these boxes, the School understands the legal requirements and will meet them accordingly.

- A.1:** The School understands that annually by August 1, the public School's Engagement Plan shall be developed, or reviewed and updated.
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.3]
- A.2:** The School understands that the following must be made available to families and the local community on the School or District website no later than August 1st:
 - o the School Engagement Plan
 - o a parent-friendly explanation of the School and District's Engagement Plan
 - o the informational packet
 - o contact information for the parent facilitator designated by the School.
 [A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.4]
- A.3:** The School understands that a parent-friendly summary/explanation of the Engagement Plan should be included in the current student handbook.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a); ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02]
- A.4:** The School understands its obligation for ensuring professional development requirements related to parent and family engagement are met and that records are maintained accordingly. (2 hours every 4 years with 2022 being a required year)
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1703(a); A.C.A. § 6-17-709; Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts July 2020 Standard 4-G.1 Professional Development (D/C)]
- A.5:** The School understands its obligation to obtain signatures for each parent acknowledging receipt of the District's Engagement Plan summary/explanation.
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1704(a)(3)(B)]
- A.6:** The School Principal understands their obligation to designate and pay a licensed staff member to serve as Parent Facilitator:
 - o to help organize meaningful training for staff and parents,
 - o to promote and encourage a welcoming atmosphere, and
 - o to undertake efforts to ensure that engagement is recognized as an asset to the School.
 [A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(c)(1-2)]
- A.7:** The School understands its obligation to encourage school staff to use volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)(ii)]
- A.8:** The School understands its obligation to conduct no fewer than two parent-teacher conferences per school year
[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(3)(B)(ii)]
- A.9:** The School understands its obligation to incorporate the Engagement Plan into the School Improvement Plan.
[ADE Rules Governing Parental Involvement Section 3.02.2]
- A.10:** The School understands its obligation to schedule regular parent involvement meetings at which parents are given a report on the state of the School and an overview of:

- o what students will be learning
- o how students will be assessed
- o what a parent should expect for his or her child’s education
- o how a parent can assist and make a difference in his or her child’s education.

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(5)(B)(i)(a-d)]

- A.11:** Any School serving high school students understands its obligation to educate parents about their role in decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(7)(B)(ii)]

- A.12:** The School understands its obligation to welcome parents into the School, and more specifically, not have any school policies or procedures that would discourage a parent from visiting the School or from visiting a child's classrooms.

[A.C.A. § 6-15-1702(b)(6)(B)]

- A.13:** The School understands its obligation to reserve at least 1 percent of its Title I, Part A allocation for engagement purposes should such total allocation amount to \$500,000 or more. Nothing limits LEAs from reserving more than 1 percent of its allocation for engagement purposes.

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(A)]

- A.14:** The School understands that all Title I, Part A funded engagement activities and strategies should remain consistent with all information set forth in this parent and family engagement plan.

[ESSA § 1116(a)(3)(D)]

- A.15:** The School understands its obligation to submit to the State any comments from parents who deem the Title I Schoolwide Plan unsatisfactory. These comments can be sent to ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov

[ESSA § 1116(b)(4)]

- A.16:** The School understands its obligation, if requested by parents, to provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

[ESSA § 1116(c)(4)(C)]

References

State

- [Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-1701 et seq.](#)
- [Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing Parental Involvement Plans and Family and Community Engagement](#)

Federal

- [Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act, 114 P.L. 95, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6312, 6318, 6320](#)

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(Find additional guidance on the [DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements](#) webpage. For any questions about completing this form or meeting legal compliance, please contact the DESE Engagement Unit at ade.engagementmatters@ade.arkansas.gov or 501-371-8051.)

District Reviewer Responses

Section 1 - Jointly Developed

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

[Text box for responses]

Section 2 - Communication

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

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Section 3 - Building Staff Capacity

- Changes Required
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Section 4 - Building Parent Capacity

- Changes Required
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Section 5 - Coordination

- Changes Required
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Section 6 - Annual Title I Meeting

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

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Section 7 - School-Parent Compact

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

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Section 8 - Reservation of Funds

- Changes Required
- Compliance is Met

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