

**Ricardo ISD**

**Parental Involvement Policy**

**2009-2010**



Parent/Guardian Signature Page

Ricardo Independent School District

**District Parental Involvement Policy**

I have received a copy of Ricardo ISD's Parental Involvement Policy and am aware that I have an opportunity to offer suggestions for improvement at any time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **Ricardo Independent School District Parental Involvement Policy**

### **Statement of Purpose**

Ricardo ISD is committed to the goal of providing a quality education for every child in the district and to establish partnerships with parents, teachers and our community. Ricardo ISD is dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning. Parental support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success. We recognize that all children are different and some students may need extra assistance available through various programs to reach their full potential. Ricardo ISD invites parents to participate in all aspects of the district's programs. Our ultimate goal is home-school partnerships that will help all students in the district to succeed.

### **Educational Opportunities**

Ricardo ISD uses a district curriculum which includes CScope and Sharon Wells to ensure consistency and equity in instruction. Many programs are available to help students perform at the maximum level of academic achievement.

- Accelerated Reader
- After school tutorials
- Computer technology in classrooms
- Counseling
- Dyslexia Program
- English as a Second Language Program
- 504 Program
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Living with Science Lab
- Response to Intervention
- Science Fair
- Special Education Program
- Tutorials within the school day
- UIL Programs (athletic and academic)

### **Parent Involvement in Developing the Policy**

Ricardo ISD will schedule a minimum of two meetings during the school year inviting and encouraging parents, community members, teachers and principals to participate in these meetings. The purpose of these meetings will be to develop, revise, and evaluate our district's Parental Involvement Policy. Every effort will be made to recruit a diverse group of parents of children in the district. Brief surveys will be used to provide input from parents as early as possible in the school year. These surveys will be printed in appropriate languages, and help will be provided to assist parents in completing the survey when needed.

## **Meeting for Parents**

At least once a year, a meeting for parents will be held to provide information about grade appropriate expectations for their child. Individual schools will provide campus specific Title I program information to parents of all students. Parents will be encouraged to become full partners in their child's education, sharing responsibilities for high student academic achievement. Parents will be sent written notices about the meeting time and meeting notices will be put on the District's website as well. Copies of the Parent Involvement Policy will be available to parents and a chance to become involved in revising and updating the policy will be provided. Annual meetings may also be held in conjunction with parent-teacher organizations.

## **Home-School Compact**

The Home-School Compact will:

- Be developed with parents
- Describe responsibilities of parents, students, and school to improve student performance.
- Describe the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.

Describe ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning.

Describe student responsibilities.

Address the importance of establishing ongoing, good communication between teachers and parents.

## **Matching Programs to the Needs of Our Community**

Parents will be notified of parent education opportunities including conferences, seminars, or workshops that are available to them. Parents will be notified about these opportunities through the individual schools. Parents may call the local school office at any time to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make suggestions.

## **Staff/Parent Communications**

Communication with parents is paramount. District/Campus newsletters will be distributed two to four times each year. Informational notices will also be sent home with students, phone calls, email, RISD website, twitter, conferences, and home visits as needed. Teachers and staff will be encouraged to communicate positive information to parents, to be available to parents, and to respond to parent requests in a timely manner. Videos, literature and trainings promoting positive home-school communication will be made available to district staff. Parents will be encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher when they are concerned about a problem. They may also call the school office and schedule conferences with their child's teacher as needed. Interpreters will be available if needed for parent/teacher conferences. Notices in English

and other appropriate languages will be sent home when necessary. Parents will be encouraged to continue their involvement at all levels of their child's education.

### **Evaluation**

There will be an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the district's parental involvement program. The school district will revise its parent involvement policy on the basis of the annual review. This commitment to family involvement is supported by the Ricardo ISD Board of Trustees. The policy will be coordinated by supervisory staff and teachers throughout the district and promoted by campus principals and other school staff.

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