

# Rowan Elementary School Family and Community Engagement Plan 2018-2019

Rowan Elementary understands that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- Parents and families are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

Rowan Elementary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by ESSA Section 1116:

**A. ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

An annual meeting will be held at the beginning of the school year at Rowan Elementary School. Parents will be informed of the school’s participation in the Title I program, the requirements of the program and parents right to be involved.

**B. FLEXIBLE NUMBER OF MEETINGS**

Rowan Elementary will offer a flexible number of parent/teacher conferences in mornings or evenings (for which Title I funds may be used to provide transportation, childcare, and home visits, as these services are related to parental engagement).

**C. JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

Rowan Elementary parents’ will be involved in the decisions regarding how funds are allotted for parental involvement activities. Parents participate in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parental Engagement Policy. The Parental Engagement Policy will be distributed during Rowan’s Annual Title I Meeting and will be available, at the school and on the school’s website, to the local community.

**D. COMMUNICATION**

Rowan Elementary will provide assistance to parents in understanding such topics as:

- a) Third Grade Reading Gate
- b) State and District Assessments
- c) Information on how to monitor their child’s progress

- d) If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicable possible.

Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, will be sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

#### **E. DISSENSION PROCESS**

Each parent will receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Parents have the right to share comments or concerns at the school and district level regarding our federally funded school-wide programs. Comments/concerns are shared with the Hattiesburg Public School District's Federal Programs Director.

#### **F. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

Rowan Elementary will annually review, revise (if necessary), and jointly develop with parents, a school-parent compact that outlines how families, school, staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

#### **G. BUILD CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

Rowan Elementary will build the parents' capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Professional development during team meetings and/or faculty meetings for teachers, staff, and principals on how to work together in a joint effort to reach out, communicate with and work with parents and equal partners.
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and partnering with schools.

#### **H. ACCESSIBILITY**

Rowan Elementary will provide full opportunities, for the participation of parents and family members (including parents and family members with limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children), including providing information and school reports in a language that parents understand.