

Rockwood Middle School

Annual Title I & Family Engagement Meeting

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Why are we here?

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:
 - inform you of your school's participation in Title I,
 - explain the requirements of Title I, and
 - explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

What will I learn?

- What is a Title I school?
- What are my rights?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the SIP?
- What are our schoolwide program goals?
- How is parent and family engagement funded?
- What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-Parent Compact?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?
- How can I be involved?
- Who can I contact for help?

What is a Title I school?

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:
 - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
 - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
 - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.

What are my rights?

- The families and parents of Title I students have a right, by law, to:
 - be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level;
 - be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science;
 - request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child by contacting Mrs Evans, principal; and
 - request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

What can Title I funds be used for?

- In general, Title I funds may be used for:
 - smaller class sizes,
 - additional teachers and paraprofessionals,
 - additional training for school staff,
 - extra time for instruction (before and/or after school programs),
 - parent and family engagement activities, and/or
 - a variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment, and technology.

How does our school use Title I funds?

- In 2018-2019 our school is allotted a portion of District Title I funding.
- We developed a **Schoolwide Program**, which means we plan to spend our funds on the following:
 - Supplemental staff:
 - 3 Teacher Assistants

 - Programs/Materials/Supplies:
 - iReady Math and ELA
 - Reading Plus

 - Teacher Professional Development:
 - Tennessee Association of Middle Schools Conference
 - Title I Conference

What is the SIP?

- The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:
 - the identification of the school planning team and how they will be engaged in the planning process;
 - a needs assessment and summary of academic and non-academic data;
 - prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and non-academic needs of students;
 - teacher and staff professional development needs; and
 - budgets and the coordination of resources.
- The school must include family representatives on our school planning team.

What are our schoolwide program goals?

- Improve Student Reading Skills
- Improve Student Math Skills
- Increase Student Attendance
- Increase Positive Behavior Recognitions for all Students

How is parent and family engagement funded?

- Any district with a Title I allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of its Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district.
- You, as Title I parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.

How is parent and family engagement funded?

- In 2018-2019, we received Title I funding for parent and family engagement funding. We plan to use these funds for:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Meeting and Events
 - August
 - October
 - December
 - February
 - April

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA. Components should include:
 - how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities;
 - how parent and family engagement funds are being used;
 - how information and training will be provided to families; and
 - how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- The district Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found here: www.roaneschools.com
- The Rockwood Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be shared at Meet the Tiger Night, August 7, 2018 for 5:00-7:00.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

- A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.
- The compact must describe how the school will:
 - provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
 - hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
 - provide parents with reports on their child's progress;
 - provide parents reasonable access to staff.
 - provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
 - ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.

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What curriculum does our school use?

- The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.
- Tennessee's academic standards form the framework for everything taught at Rockwood Middle School
- For more information about Tennessee's academic standards, see:
<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>

What tests will my child be taking?

- i-Ready Diagnostic Testing: Fall, Winter and Spring
- Nine Week Assessments: Each grading period
- TNReady Assessment: Spring

How can I be involved?

- We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.
- To get involved with the SIP, contact Mrs. Evans 865-354-0931.
- To get involved with the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, contact Mrs. Evans 865-354-093.
- To get involved with the School Parent Compact, contact Mrs. Evans 865-354-093.

How can I be involved?

Parents can:

- Encourage attendance
- Monitor grades and schoolwork Synergy
- Attending family events and meetings
 - Meet the Tiger Night 8/07/18
 - 6th Grade Chromebook Night
 - Parent – Teacher Conferences held each semester
 - School Counselor data meetings
 - Doughnuts with Dad
 - Muffins with Mom
- Volunteering at school dances
- Reading school/classroom newsletters or websites and that contain examples of learning activities families

How can I be involved?

Attend Athletic and Academic Events with your student

Football, Basketball, Softball, Baseball games

Band Concerts

Science Fair

Veterans Day Program

Awards Day Program

Who can I contact for help?

- For general questions, call the front office at: 865-354-0931
- To reach the principal, Mrs. Evans call: 865-354-0931
- To reach the school counselor, Ms. Sams call: 865-354-0931
- To reach our family liaison, Craig Freeman call: 865-882-3700
- To reach your child's teacher, call the front office or view our staff directory at:
865-354-0931 or <https://rms.roaneschools.com/>

WE JUST WANT TO SAY...

THANK YOU!

What are the benefits of family engagement?

For students:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance
- More positive attitudes and better behavior
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater enrollment in postsecondary education

For Parents and Families:

- More confidence and trust in the school
- Increased confidence in their parenting skills
- Creates a home environment that encourages learning
- Encourages families to form stronger relationships with teachers and other families

For Schools and Teachers:

- Improved teacher and staff morale
- Higher ratings of schools and teachers by families
- More support from families
- Higher student achievement
- Increased and improved relationships within the community