

# Parent Advisory Council FAQs

Thank you for your interest in family engagement at RPS! Our Title I program helps foster a partnership between home, school, and the community. PAC (Parent Advisory Council) meetings are a way to enrich and support that relationship.

## What is Parent Advisory Council? (PAC)

Participating in a Parent Advisory Council Meeting provides parents another opportunity to be involved in their child's education. Participating in these meetings gives parents a voice in decision making related to Title I policies and programs at our school.

## What are the objectives of Parent Advisory Council (PAC)?

- ❖ Strengthen the relationship between home, school, and the community
- ❖ Foster parent and family engagement so parents and teachers can work together to support the education of the students
- ❖ Provide input for training opportunities that help parents assist with learning at home
- ❖ Provide ideas for regular communication to keep parents informed and working as full partners in their child's learning
- ❖ Gather input from a parents perspective on school-wide programs and policies

## What is the responsibility of a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Member?

All parents or guardians at RPS with students in PreK through grade 2 are invited to be a PAC member. As a PAC member, you will be asked to give your input on Title I policies, our Family-School Compact for Achievement, family engagement workshops, and educational opportunities at RPS. By attending these meetings, you will stay well informed about school activities and decisions and will give your input to help guide those decisions.

## PAC Members are expected to:

- ❖ Participate and offer feedback at Parent Advisory Council Meetings
  - ❖ Attend school workshops and training programs
  - ❖ Help create a culture where positive comments and ways in which the school can improve are shared with administration
  - ❖ Connect with the staff by volunteering
  - ❖ Encourage the participation of parents within our school community
  - ❖ Help recruit parents as leaders by including parents as members of PTO or school event planning committees and promote volunteer opportunities.
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## Ringgold Primary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Title I requires each Title I school to develop a written Parent and Family Engagement policy that is created jointly with parents. The school must ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are sent to the parents in a format and language parents can understand. If you have any input regarding our policy, please let us know. We want to hear from you!

## Family-School Compacts for Achievement

Each Title I school jointly develops a family-school compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The Academic Coach worked with the teachers at grade level meetings to gain input for our teacher portion of the compact. The Academic Coach and the Parent Involvement Coordinator surveyed the students to gain their input for the student portion of our compact. The PAC will discuss, revise, and approve the compact drafts. Upon approval, the compacts will be distributed to parents for signatures. Copies of compacts for each grade level can be found in the Parent Volunteer room.

## How to contact us:

We welcome your questions, comments, suggestions, and your time!

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