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Reagan Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Plan

Reagan Elementary School will:

- hold an Annual Title 1 Meeting to discuss student achievement and assessment, progress toward goals, school programming, and accreditation. The meeting will be held at a convenient time, with all parents of participating children invited and encouraged to attend. Parents will be informed of Reagan’s participation in Title I, the requirements of the program, and the right of the parents to be involved. There will be an opportunity for input and questions and answers from the public.
- offer a flexible number of meetings, such as in the morning or in the evening. Reagan funds may be used to provide interpreters, transportation, child care, or home visits, as the services relate to parent involvement.
- involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide plan.

Reagan Elementary School will:

- provide parents of participating children timely information about Title I programs.
- provide parents with description and explanation of the curriculum in use at Reagan (Common Core unit overview letters, Quarterly Expectations, Standards Based Report Cards), the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress (State and local) and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- provide opportunities, if requested by parents, for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and to respond to any such suggestions as soon as possible. If the school wide plan is unsatisfactory to the parents of participating children, please submit parent comments.

Reagan Elementary School will:

- jointly develop with parents of served children a school-parent compact that outlines how:
 - parents, the entire staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state’s high standards.
 - the school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served to meet the state’s academic achievement standards.
 - each parent will be responsible for supporting their children’s learning and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive extracurricular time.

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Reagan's compact will also address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an on-going basis through, at a minimum:

- parent-teacher conference in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact must be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
- frequent reports to parents on their children's progress.
- reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, volunteer training, and observation of classroom activities.

(see Reagan Compact following plan)

To encourage more communication with parents, Reagan Elementary School will schedule no less than two parent and teacher conferences per school year. Reagan Elementary School will plan and engage in other activities determined by the school to be beneficial in the fostering of effective communication with parents. These activities include, but are not limited to, Parent/Student Orientation, Open House, Annual Title I Meeting, STEM Night, Literacy Night, and PTO events. Learning activities will be provided to support classroom instruction and address specific academic needs.

To promote and support responsible child care, Reagan Elementary will:

- ensure the purchase of child care books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible child care to be used in the school library.
- ensure that the school advertises the current selection of such books, magazines and other informative materials.
- ensure that the school provides parents opportunities to borrow the books, magazines, and other informative materials for review.
- ensure that the school maintains an effective parent resource center.
- ensure that the school plans and engages in other activities determined by the school to be beneficial for the promotion and support of responsible child care.

To help parents assist students during their learning processes, Reagan Elementary School will:

- schedule regular parent nights in order that parents may be given an overview of:
 - what students will be learning.
 - how students will be assisted.
 - what parents/guardians should expect concerning their children's education.
 - how parents/guardians can assist and make a difference in the education of their children.
 - ways parents can support classroom instruction and address specific academic needs.
- provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or LEA, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as:
 - the State's academic content standards and state academic achievement standards.
 - state and local assessments.
 - the requirements of Title I.
 - how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of the child.

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- materials and training to work with the child to improve the child's achievement, such as literacy and math training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.
- use of the Arkansas Department of Education, Rogers School District, and Center for Effective Parenting websites.
- establishing an individualized district parent account.
- address the following in order to enhance assistance to parents:
 - educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents. Topics to be addressed include: how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; how to implement and coordinate parent programs; and how to build ties between parents and the school.
 - coordinate and integrate, to the extent feasible and appropriate, parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, and the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, PADRES, and other programs. Conduct these activities in places, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of the child.
 - ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
 - provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.
 - engage in other activities determined by the school to help parents/guardians assist in their children's learning.
 - provide online resources
 - Reagan Elementary: <http://rg.rogersschools.net>
 - Rogers Public School: <http://www.rogersschools.net>
 - State Department of Education: <http://arkansased.org>
 - Federal Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>
 - AR Kids First (health insurance): <http://www.arkidsfirst.com/home.htm>
 - AR Department of Human Services: <http://www.arkidsfirst.com/serv.htm>
 - Arkansas 211: <http://www.arkansas211.org/default.aspx>
 - Center for Effective Parenting: www.parenting-ed.org

To assist in welcoming parents in the school and to assist in seeking parent support and assistance, Reagan Elementary School will ensure that:

- it will not implement any policy or procedure that will discourage a parent from visiting the school. However:
 - parents/guardians are asked to follow routines designed to promote the safety of all students when picking up their children at the end of the school day.
 - parents/guardians are encouraged to visit the school during school events but are asked to follow safety procedures by registering in the school office and wearing a visitor's tag. Parents are encouraged to contact the regular classroom teacher and make an appointment should they want to visit in their child's classroom at a time other than a special event.

- it will develop a volunteer resource, which lists the interests and availability of volunteers for school staff members' use. Parents will be surveyed requesting their specific interests so that volunteer work will be meaningful. A determination will be made concerning how frequently a volunteer desires to participate including the option of one time per year. Options will also be included for those who are available to help at home and the volunteer resource book will be utilized to help correlate school needs with volunteer interest.
- it will print and distribute statements which attest to the school's commitment to parent involvement.
- it will engage in other activities determined by the school to be designed to welcome parents in the school.

To encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect their children and families, Reagan Elementary School shall ensure that:

- it publishes its process for resolving parent concerns--including how to define the problem, whom to first approach and how to develop solutions for solving the problem.
- it engages in other activities that the school determines will encourage parents to participate as full partners in the decisions that affect their children and families (Watch DOG Dad program, Literacy and STEM nights, classroom volunteer opportunities, PTO committees and events-homeroom parent, fundraising, spirit wear, Homecoming float, volunteer coordinator, TAG coordinator, yearbook staff, PTO officer, etc.).

Reagan Elementary School will support the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of the Parent Involvement Program--to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school--while using to the degree possible the components included within.

The principal will designate one certified staff member as the parent facilitator for the purpose of:

- organizing meaningful training for staff and parents for the purpose of promoting and encouraging a welcoming atmosphere to parents involved in the school.
- undertaking efforts to ensure that parent participation is recognized as an asset to the school.

The parent facilitator can be contacted through the Reagan office.

Professional Staff Development

- Reagan Elementary School will design professional development opportunities for staff members to include no less than 2 hours of professional development, in accordance with State requirements and timelines, which are designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. The two hours may be included in the required 36 hours of professional development.