



RIVER CITY SCIENCE ACADEMY ELEMENTARY K-5

RCSA Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Plan

RCSA Elementary takes a wide array of approaches to get parents, families, and other community stakeholders involved, starting with Back to School Bash, where parents and families can meet teachers, learn about the curriculum, attend Technology Sessions, and have fun with family. This event sets the tone for the school year, letting our families know that communication is key, and our staff is available for support and guidance.

Technology Talks are held each month at multiple times in order to educate families about the technology resources used at RCSAES. Parent Volunteer Organization meetings are held monthly to discuss student incentive programs, fundraising ideas to support them, and community and school events. Various groups are recognized and celebrated throughout the school year, such as Grandparents Tea, Military Appreciation Breakfasts, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, and Volunteer Appreciation Breakfasts. In addition, RCSAES has an All Pro Dads Chapter that meets once a month, where fathers and their children eat breakfast and are presented lessons about how to be more active in their child's lives. Awards Assemblies are also held quarterly to celebrate not only students making the Honor Roll, but also students that have shown great improvement, have met reading and math goals, and students that have received any commendable accomplishment throughout the quarter (school clubs, teams). Several family nights/events are also held throughout the school year, such as Book Fair Family Night, Family Bingo Night, Book Character Parade, Vocabulary Parade, Pizza Luncheons, and our newest addition, Family Turkey Trot.

Families of students that are identified as *at risk*, due to attendance issues, conduct, or poor academic performance, are invited to RCSA's Parent Academy. These students are identified at the completion of each academic quarter. The following topics are covered: Impact of student attendance in school, utilization of RCSA Connect, technology resources to assist students at RCSAES, available clubs/tutoring, how to promote positive behavior, and RCSAES's discipline procedures, etc. The goal of RCSA's Parent Academy is to provide parents with the guidance and resources necessary to assist students to meet their maximum potential.

RCSA has extended the Parent Academy to further reach out and assist families of Kindergarten students. Because these students are new to RCSA, they are identified as *at risk* by week four of school, so that support can be provided in a timely manner before valuable time is lost.

While some of these activities and events have had to move to a virtual platform, we continue in our efforts to engage our students and their families.



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