Rio Americano High School

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Rio Americano High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

The school will jointly develop with parents, a School Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents agree on.

The school will notify parents about the School Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable format and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents.

The school will make the School Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.

The school will periodically update the School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

The school agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

(A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;
(B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;
(C) that parents 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.

DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Rio Americano High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development and joint agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy and its Single Plan for Student Achievement:

   School Parent Involvement Policy Process:
   - Rio will have a School Site Council meeting to develop an agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy.
   - Rio will solicit written remarks from parents unable to attend the meeting.

   Single Plan for Student Achievement Process:
   - Base needs assessment on school data
   - Set goals
   - Distribute completed plan

2. Rio Americano High School will take the following actions to distribute its Parent Involvement Policy:
   - it will be on the Rio Webpage
   - it will be included in the Rio News Flash
3. **Rio Americano H.S. will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement:**

   Our School will analyze our school academic performance data each year. This data will serve as the basis for our Single School Plan for Student Achievement.

4. **Rio Americano H.S. will provide to parents of participating children a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.**

   Each teacher will provide a syllabus to every student. The syllabus will include a course curriculum, State Curriculum Standards which relate to that course, and delineate the types of assessments that will be used in that particular course.

5. **Rio Americano High School will help build staff and parent capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:**

   The school will hold an annual school data meeting for parents. Attention will be given to presenting information in a manner which makes the information understandable and accessible. Topics will include analysis of school API and AYP results, sub-group data, and when appropriate program improvement status. The meeting format will include input from the principal regarding the data and school interventions currently in pace to address achievement gaps. Parents will be invited to share their view of the data and to offer suggestions for improved connections between home and school.

   All parents will receive a letter mailed to their home informing them of their child’s assessment results on the annual STAR state achievement tests.

   Multiple media sources such as school level websites will be used to convey annual school progress toward district, state and federal goals. The school parent involvement policy will be posted on the school’s web site.

   Parents will receive their student’s assessment results and be invited to speak with school personnel regarding the state STAR results.

6. **The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by:**

   Parent education training regarding how to support key grade level standards at home will be offered to parents.

   Information about how to help students at home with homework and other curriculum-related activities will be offered to families at the annual Back to School Night, as well as, in parent-teacher conferences.
Rio Americano High School will, with the assistance of the district and parents, educate its teachers, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Staff will receive training in how to reach out to parents in ways that establish trust and rapport and build strong partnership aimed at student success.
- Email notification will be used to inform parents of important school information.
- Connect ED will be used to inform parents of important school information.
- Rio will use the Rio News Flash to notify parents through e-mail. Student contact email addresses available from the Student Information System will be added to the Rio News Flash email list. Teacher email addresses will be added to the Rio News Flash email list.

**ADOPTION**

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents as evidenced by Site Council minutes.

This policy was review by Rio Americano High School on October 22, 2012 and will be in effect for the period of October 22, 2012 to September 1, 2013.

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(Signature of Authorized Official)

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