

3.1 Communication Parent Involvement Policy

Richard J. Rundle Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

Parent Involvement Plan

This plan has been jointly developed and agreed upon by parents and the staff of Richard J. Rundle Elementary School. This plan will be reviewed and evaluated annually at the initial Title 1 Parent meeting each fall. Headsets are provided to Spanish speaking parents for translation purposes. The meeting date will be sent home with each student. A Parent Link message will go out the week of the meeting. Meeting information will be added to the Rundle web site and Rundle Facebook. The Policy is available on the Rundle web site. The plan will be available in both English and Spanish.

School Performance Plan

At least two parent representatives are recruited each year to serve on the Rundle Title 1 / Rundle School Organization Team, as well as the Title 1 District Parent Advisory Council. These parents participate in planning sessions, data inquiry review, and action step development, and act as liaisons to help reach other parents at the school. Parents participate in Parent/Teacher conferences to review progress towards state and federal education goals. Parent trainings, that enable them to further develop their ability to help their children meet state and federal goals, are offered as a link on the school website to the Rundle Family Resource Center

The last survey showed improvement on parent participation. We must continue to aggressively seek parent input. The survey dates will be sent home with students. It will be announced on Parent Link and added to the Rundle web page and Rundle Facebook. Due to the lack of survey information, parent evaluations, received at parent involvement activities are reviewed to better understand parent needs and expectations.

Educational Involvement Accord

The CCSD Educational Involvement Accord is integrated into the online registration process through Infinite Campus. All students must be registered online. Parents must review the Accord prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords when needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions. The Accords are reviewed at Open House and at Parent/Teacher conferences to ensure that all involved parties are complying with the agreements set forth in the Accord.

Improve Student Academic Achievement

A. Assisting Parents in Understanding Standards and Requirements

Assistance is provided to parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, the State's student academic achievement standards, the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, and the State's proficiency level targets. The Nevada Department of Education website, which shows the location of Nevada Academic Standards, is provided at a parent meeting. Parent conferences are used as an opportunity to give additional support to our parents so they may better understand student achievement as well as state and district standards and expectations. Administration, staff, and teachers answer questions concerning the standards and share data that identify their child's current progress towards the standards. Rundle is committed to assisting parents in interpreting the data received from the District and the State Department of Education.

B. Provide Parents Materials and Training

Richard J. Rundle will provide parents with the Sed de Saber program to learn English. This program will assist parents in communicating with their child's teacher and teaches basic spoken English. Classes are presented twice a week by a Spanish speaking instructor virtually. Parents will also be provided with academic materials and training during the Math and Literacy Nights planned during the school year.

C. Educate Teachers on Parent Involvement

With the assistance of parents, many strategies and trainings are provided to the Rundle staff on how to reach out, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners. Rundle is committed to building ties between parents, the community, and school. Families are provided with materials to use at home to improve achievement. Rundle staff members have implemented home visits. All staff members participate in as many home visits as possible to build school/home connections.

D. Communication

Richard J. Rundle will ensure that information is shared with the parents and community in an understandable format and in a language that parents can understand. All school notices, and report cards are sent through the school website and school's social media in English and Spanish.

E. Coordination with Other Programs

Efforts will be made by the school to coordinate and integrate parent involvement activities within the community. Rundle works with Spread the Word Nevada and their Rundle sponsor Barrick Gold to provide books for children to take home. Spread the Word is shared virtually on the Rundle website weekly to help educate our parents on the importance of reading by hosting Snack Time with Books. Head Start, Child Find, and Sunrise Library are community groups that are invited to Rundle's Academic Night. They share information concerning their programs. Parents will be informed regarding reading tutoring and community pre-school opportunities. These programs will be coordinated together to provide parents the best opportunities for themselves and their children. Rundle received the 21st Century grant. The grant provides before and after school tutoring and additional support in after school activities.

F. Support Parent Requests

Richard J. Rundle will continue to provide parents with opportunities to voice their needs. Regularly held meetings will be advertised and communicated to encourage involvement and improve coordination efforts. Evaluations are read and comments are taken seriously. Negative comments are addressed and changes made when possible. Richard J. Rundle Elementary is committed to providing parents with the resources necessary to support their child's success in and outside the classroom. Announcements concerning these programs are posted on the school's website and verbalized on Rundle's Parent Link.