



Victory Elementary Parent & Family Engagement Policy 2019-2020

Victory Elementary is dedicated to educating and producing lifelong learners in a safe environment. To be competitive in a global society, learning is an ongoing process. Students are taught 21st-century skills needed to become productive citizens through the use of relevant rigor, technology, and differentiated instruction. We ensure shared accountability, integrity, and collaboration where learning is exciting, and all are respected, valued, and involved.

Educating children requires the whole-hearted cooperation of parents, teachers, and all stakeholders in order to ensure student academic achievement. By working together, we are able to build and promote positive relationships that foster shared decision making and contribute to our students' success and well-being.

The goal of parental involvement at Victory Elementary School is to encourage parents to participate in educational planning and day to day activities to enhance and improve student performance. An invitation for family engagement is extended by the school staff, as well as the Parent and Family Engagement Liaison during Open House, Parent-Teacher Conferences, PTA meetings (minimum of 7 times), Back to School Meet and Greet, and other activities throughout the school year.

1. **Communication:** Parents and the community are kept abreast of activities via an automated phone link, "School Messenger," weekly "Falcon Folders," monthly calendars, marquee, progress reports, report cards, Parent Portal, and the school's website.
2. **Open House:** VES holds an annual Title 1 Parent Information Session at the beginning of the school year. The purpose of the meeting is as follows:
 - i. To define Title 1 and the role it plays within our school.
 - ii. Inform parents of Portsmouth Public Schools Title 1 Resource Center.
 - iii. Inform parents of the role of the Parent and Family Engagement Liaison as related to home visits, transportation, limited English resources, etc.
 - iv. Review the school performance on the Virginia Standards of Learning assessments.
 - v. Identify resources that are available on the Virginia Department of Education website.
3. **Title 1 Workshops:** Parent workshops and meetings are scheduled by Christi Riddick, Parent & Family Engagement Liaison, with funds provided by Title 1. Parents are given the resources to be used to support and monitor student learning: homework strategies, responsible use of technology, etc.
 - i. Math Workshop
 - ii. Reading Workshop
4. **School Workshops:** Parent workshops and meetings are scheduled by the Leadership Team to engage parents in student learning.
 - i. SOL Workshops
 - ii. Health and Wellness
5. **Volunteers and Partnerships:** VES works to build partnerships and establish relationships with stakeholders to enhance the educational process:
 - i. Parent Advisory Committee meets monthly with the Title 1 Coordinator to express concerns as related to improving student academic achievement and school improvement
 - ii. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
 - iii. Lunch Buddies
 - iv. Anchors for Life
 - v. Virginia Wesleyan University

The administration of Victory Elementary School is committed to providing a quality education to all students. Parents and stakeholders are engaged to visit our school and communicate questions and concerns with school leaders to enhance school improvement efforts and student achievement.

At the end of each academic school year, the school leadership team and parents will review the School Improvement Plan, which includes the Parent & Family Engagement Policy. A Parent Survey is also available online to provide feedback and comments regarding school improvement and parental engagement.

This Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed with, parents of children participating in Title I- Part A, programs as evidenced by agenda from the families attending the family review training/meeting.

This policy was adopted by Victory Elementary on September 30, 2019, and will be in effect for one year. The school district will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I- Part A, children on or before December 30, 2019.