

RIVER VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

VISION: Establish collaborative culture for students, parents, staff, and the community to promote the social and academic growth of every student.

COMMITMENT: We believe that there must be a partnership between parents and our school. We will promote timely and positive communication between the school and our students' parents or guardians. River Valley Middle School will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in decision-making and activities that support the school and their child's learning.

SCHOOL AND PARENT INVOLVEMENT GOALS:

1. Create a welcoming school climate
2. Provide families information related to child development and create a supportive learning environment
3. Establish effective school-to-home communication
4. Strengthen families' knowledge and skills to support and extend their children's learning at home and in the community
5. Engage families in school planning leadership and meaningful volunteer opportunities
6. Connect students and families to community resources that strengthen and support students' learning and well-being.

Create a Welcoming School Climate

Prior to the start of each school year, River Valley Middle School will post information to help prepare students for the beginning of school. The day before school begins, River Valley Middle School will hold an Open House. Parents will be given a welcome packet and have the opportunity to meet and get to know their child's teachers. Throughout the school year, parents will be invited to participate in school activities such as: Literacy Night, book fairs, and a workshop designed to explain testing requirements and to provide helpful hints.

Provide families information related to child development and creating supportive learning environments

Consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, River Valley Middle will provide a School-Parent Compact to help establish shared expectations. Families will receive quarterly copies of "The Middle Years" and the Title One "Home & School Connection." These are best practice quarterly journals that provide tips and suggestions to help students and families progress through Middle School. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved in the school's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and help plan and participate in quarterly academic reward programs that promote academic growth, good attendance, and good behavior. Additionally, River Valley Middle School will recognize and post Students of the

Month who have excelled in each area. Each nine weeks, the school will provide students and families with a progress report that will include teacher comments and recommendations to help students attain academic growth.

Establish effective school-to-home and home-to-school communication

River Valley Middle School will provide effective communication regarding school events through our online site, printed flyers, and Education Connection. In an effort to support teacher, student, and parent communication, each student will be provided a school agenda. This agenda will include guidelines on school and district policy, attendance, behavior, and extra-curricular requirements. It will also provide opportunities for direct written information between teachers and parents on assignments, discipline, homework, and special events. We encourage parents to become familiar with the school agenda and to use this powerful communication tool to communicate with your child's teachers.

Strengthen families' knowledge and skills to support and extend their children's learning at home and in the community

We will start the school year by sharing goals and discussing volunteer and learning opportunities during the Open House. Parents will be provided a packet that will include school and teacher contact information. This information will be useful in directing students and parents to school assignments and assessments. Students and parents will also receive a quarterly copy of "Middle Years" that will highlight hints and best practice methods to keep students engaged in school while developing both socially and academically. River Valley Middle School will also provide a book fair, Literacy Night, and an academic fair to showcase student work and allow parents an opportunity to share in their child's accomplishments.

Engage families in school planning, leadership, and meaningful volunteer opportunities

The River Valley Middle School Parent Teacher Organization will serve as an advisory committee. It will meet monthly to discuss opportunities for meaningful volunteer activities in supporting the River Valley Open House, the school's book fair, the planning and organizing of the school and community Fall Festival, the assistance with quarterly academic activities, and the assistance with one-on-one reading programs such as Read 180.

Connect students and families to community resources that strengthen and support students' learning and well being

River Valley Middle School students and parents have access to enrichment and learning opportunities from the Gallia, Jackson, Vinton ESC; counseling and parent mentor programs from Gallia County School District, counseling and mental health programs through Woodland Centers, and support from community churches and a partnership with Bossard Memorial Library.

References, Policies, and Stakeholders

Title 1 Section 1118 Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Ohio Department of Education-Best Practices Standard for Parental Involvement

Gallia County Local Board Policy to support Parental Rights

River Valley Middle School PTO Goals, and Staff/Parent Surveys.