

**Riverside Unified School District
John Wesley North High School
Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy**

I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

John W. North High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school will jointly develop with parents/guardians/guardians a School Parental Involvement Policy that the school and parents/guardians of participating children agree on.
- The school will notify parents/guardians about the School Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format, and, to the extent practicable, will distribute this policy to parents/guardians in a language the parents/guardians can understand.
- 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/guardians and the school.
- The school will adopt the school’s Home/School Compact as a component of its School Parental Involvement Policy.
- The school will provide opportunities for participation by parents/guardians with limited English proficiency, parents/guardians with disabilities, and migratory parents/guardians.
- 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/guardians in regular, two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) That parents/guardians play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;*
- (B) That parents/guardians are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school;*
- (C) That parents/guardians 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;*
- (D) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).*

II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

- **John W. North High School** will take the following actions to involve parents/guardians in the joint development and joint agreement of its School Parental Involvement Policy in an organized, ongoing, and timely way under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

Parents/Guardians and staff will come together and jointly develop a School Parental Involvement Policy available in English and Spanish. School Site Council (SSC), and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) will participate in development of the policy. The two parent governance groups, SSC and ELAC, will provide feedback and revisions to the final draft. A summary of the Parental Policy will be distributed at the beginning of the school year to all parents/guardians. A full copy of the School Parental Involvement Policy will be available in the office by request.

- **John W. North High School** will take the following actions to distribute to parents/guardians of participating children and the local community, the School Parental Involvement Policy:

John W. North’s Parental Involvement Policy will be available in English and Spanish. The policy will be discussed and distributed to all members of SSC and ELAC. A summary will be distributed to all parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year with a full copy of the Parental Policy available to members of the community upon request in the office.

- **John W. North High School** will update periodically its School Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of the parents/guardians and the school.

The School Parental Involvement Policy will be updated at annual scheduled meetings of SSC and ELAC parent governance meetings. North's Leadership Team will annually review and discuss elements from the Parental Policy. Discussions shall be held and needed revisions and/or deletions will follow. School Site Council will vote annually on the adoption of the final policy.

- **John W. North High School** will convene an annual meeting to inform parents/guardians that their child's school participates in Title I, about the requirements of Title I, and of their rights to be involved.

The annual Title I meeting will be held in the evening within the first quarter of the new school year. Notices will be sent home with students in Spanish and English, posted on social media and on the school website two weeks prior to the event. The Title I Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed to all parents/guardians in attendance.

- **John W. North High School** will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and will make home visits and provide childcare when needed, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement.

Topics for meetings will be decided upon by giving a "Needs Assessment" at the SSC and ELAC meetings. The School-Parent Compact and John W. North's Parental Involvement Policy will be revised as necessary at SSC and ELAC meetings. Parents/guardians will receive information regarding school and district workshops/meetings through flyers sent home with the child, social media, and the school website.

- Parent representatives from John W. North attend the district **Compensatory Education District Advisory Committee (CEDAC)** and report back to SSC and ELAC meetings regarding important Title 1 information.
- **John W. North High School** will provide to parents/guardians a description of the curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- **John W. North High School** will provide parents/guardians of participating children, if requested by parents/guardians, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

The SSC and ELAC meetings are open to all community members. The meetings are posted on the school website and the agendas are displayed in the front office and Family Resource Center windows. Each SSC and ELAC agenda provide an opportunity for the community members to comment or ask questions. Minutes are taken at the meetings. The principal or his designee responds in a timely manner to all questions or suggestions.

- **John W. North High School** will submit to the district any parent comments if the Schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to parents/guardians of participating children.

The School-wide Plan is written by staff members with active participation from parents/guardians. At SSC and ELAC meetings, training is provided by North Staff regarding the school plan. Approval of the school plan by the SSC and ELAC is required. Parents/guardians are informed about the importance of their comments and the names of district personnel that they may speak with regarding their concerns. Minutes are taken at the SSC, ELAC and the annual Title I Parent Meeting and are on file in the Principal's Office.

III. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

- **John W. North High School** will jointly develop with parents/guardians of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines:
 - The shared responsibility of parents/guardians, students, and the entire school staff to improve students' academic achievement
 - The shared responsibility between the school and parents/guardians to help children achieve the statewide academic content standards
 - The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that helps children served under Title I meet the statewide academic content standards
 - The ways in which parents/guardians will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion and television watching; volunteering in their children's classroom; participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to the education of their children and the positive use of their children's extracurricular time
 - The importance of ongoing communication between teachers and parents/guardians through (at a minimum):

- Annual parent-teacher conferences
- Communication with staff
- Frequent reports to parents/guardians about their children's progress
- Reasonable opportunities to volunteer at the school, participate in their children's class and observe classroom activities.

The School Compact is a very important document at John W. North High School. It is reviewed and updated annually. The revision of the School Compact is always approved by the staff, SSC and ELAC groups. The School Compact will be included in the school mailer which is distributed to all students. A copy of the School Compact is available upon request in the office.

- **John W. North High School** will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents/guardians of children served by the school in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The State's academic content standards
 - The State's student academic achievement standards
 - The State and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments
 - The requirements of Title I
 - How to monitor their child's progress and to work collaboratively with teachers/educators
- **John W. North High School** will, with the assistance of the district, provide materials and training to help parents/guardians work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

John W. North parents/guardians are encouraged to attend all parent meetings and workshops offered by the district or school site. The majority of the trainings are provided by John W. North staff members, however, some RUSD personnel will provide presentations at selected sessions (SSC and ELAC). The topics for these meetings are selected as the result of a Needs Assessment.


- **John W. North High School** will, with the assistance of its district and parents/guardians, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents/guardians, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents/guardians and schools.
- **John W. North High School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings and other activities, is sent to the parents/guardians of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand.

School related information is sent home to the parents/guardians on an on-going basis. Monthly meetings and dates are displayed on the school website and social media. Individual flyers are sent home to invite parents/guardians to participate in parent related trainings and meetings. All notices are sent in English and Spanish.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

This School Parent Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents/guardians of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by **John Wesley North High School** on 05/21/2019 and will be in effect for the period of August 2019 to June 2020. The school will distribute this policy to all parents/guardians of participating Title I, Part A students.



 (Signature of Principal)

May 21, 2019
 (Date)