

The Riverdale School and the parents of its students who participate in the Title I program are in agreement that this compact outlines the shared responsibilities of the parents, school staff, and the students for improving student academic achievement.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2011-2012 school year.

Riverdale's Title I Basic Skills Improvement Program has been designed to provide opportunities for students to acquire and develop the knowledge and skills necessary in order to achieve New Jersey's challenging Common Core Curriculum Content standards, which were developed for all students.

School Responsibilities

The Riverdale School will:

1. Ensure high standards for all children and assist students in reaching these standards in language arts and mathematics.
2. Provide Title I children with an enriched educational program, based upon research and effective instructional approaches.
3. Provide targeted professional development experiences for involved staff in order to improve the quality of instruction for the Title I students.
4. Ensure that all teachers who work with our students meet the state's definition of highly qualified teachers.
5. Coordinate Title I Basic Skills services with the general education program and other educational services provided in our school.

To insure on-going communication between parents and teachers, the school will:

1. Hold a Title I Basic Skills Improvement Program meeting at least once annually for the express purpose of informing parents/guardians of the Title I Basic Skills Improvement Program and its activities, and will jointly develop the parent-school compact for that school year.
2. Develop Individualized plans (ISIPs) for youngsters participating in the program and share these with parents and inform them of student's progress towards the plan.
3. Conduct parent-teacher conferences at least twice yearly (fall and spring), to promote two way communication between home and school, and to inform parents of the academic progress of their youngster.
4. Invite parents to Back to School night to find out more about the school programs.
5. Provide opportunities for parents to participate in their child's education.
6. Provide opportunities for parents to observe school and classroom activities, as appropriate.

7. Provide parent instructional/informational sessions on topics identified by the parties.
8. Provide opportunities for parents and their child to work together in a fun format to celebrate their achievements.

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Parents will support our children's learning in the following ways:

1. Monitoring school attendance.
2. Insuring that homework is completed.
3. Monitoring the amount of time television is watched in the home.
4. Volunteering in my child's classroom.
5. Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
6. Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school.
7. Reading and responding to notices/information sent home or posted on the district website: www.rpsnj.org
8. Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
9. Participating, to the extent possible in meetings held to support my child's learning and to inform the district's program.
10. Encouraging a positive attitude towards school and learning.
11. Providing a regular time and a quiet place to study.
12. Enriching my child's background through conversation and experience.

Parents recognize that a positive self-image of their child will contribute to their success and agree to help their child develop a positive self- image by:

1. Providing age appropriate responsibilities for my child at home.
2. Establishing routines at home.
3. Giving praise for my child's accomplishments.
4. Spending time together.
5. Encouraging attempts at new things.
6. Disciplining, when needed.
7. Providing support when my child is frustrated.
8. Setting realistic goals.
9. Showing interest in my child's work.
10. Keeping an open dialogue with my youngster.

Suggested Opportunities for Parent Involvement:

1. Attend parent/teacher conferences.
2. Visit the school and classrooms.
3. Attend school programs and activities.
4. Become a member of the PTA.

5. Attend board of education meetings.
6. Volunteer to teach something.
7. Volunteer to translate.
8. Share my talents.

Student Responsibilities

Students share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards by:

1. Coming to school ready to learn.
2. Doing my homework.
3. Asking for help when I need it.
4. Getting enough sleep.
5. Following school rules.
6. Showing respect for my school and its staff and my parents.
7. Making sure my parents get the notices that are sent home.
8. Staying organized.