



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

All members of the Paradise Ridge Elementary School Community (parents/guardians, teachers, staff, and students) are essential in making sure that all students reach their full academic potential in a safe, kind, and engaging learning environment. This document outlines the development and intent of the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

What is Paradise Ridge Elementary's Title I Program?

Due to the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunches, Paradise Ridge Elementary receives supplementary Title I funding, which allows for the provision of additional programs and materials. The Title I supplementary program supports students in achieving grade-level standards and complements the core instructional program provided by classroom teachers.

How are parents made aware of and involved in Paradise Ridge Elementary School's Title I Program?

Paradise Ridge Elementary School convenes an annual meeting at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend to inform parents and family members of their school's participation in the Title I program and to explain the requirements, and the right of the parents to be involved. Specifically, a Title I Parent Meeting is scheduled on Back to School Night before classroom presentations. The monthly Pie with the Principal parent meetings and PTO meetings are other opportunities for the Title I program to be shared and discussed with parents.

What does parent involvement mean at Paradise Ridge Elementary?

Parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- parents 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

How did Paradise Ridge Elementary School (PRES) develop the parent and family engagement policy with parent input?

The parent and family engagement policy was initially reviewed, revised, and approved by the PRES School Site Council (SSC). The policy was subsequently shared at various monthly meetings (PTO, Pie with the Principal) and the annual Title I meeting. All feedback/suggestions related to the parent and family engagement policy will be shared with SSC for their review and consideration.

How are parents aware of state academic standards, state assessments, and local assessments?

The school will make available to parents a description and explanation of the California State Standards, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet:

- Paradise Ridge Elementary School teachers share student assessment progress and results during parent/teacher conferences and via report cards.

How are parents involved in their child's education?

The school will provide parents with opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate in decisions relating to their children's education. Paradise Ridge Elementary School will address recommendations in a timely manner:

- Parents are invited to School Site Council meetings, to join the PTO, and to participate in its monthly meetings.
- Parents meet with Paradise Ridge Elementary School teachers for conferences during Parent/Teacher Conference Day.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer in their child's classroom.
- Parents meet with Paradise Ridge Elementary School teachers through parent/teacher conferences and Student Study Team meetings regarding students who are academically at risk.
- Parents may make appointments to speak with school personnel to discuss their child's program anytime during the school year.
- Communication systems, e.g., ParentSquare, will be in place to allow for regular communication between home and school.
- School-to-home correspondence will be made available to parents in their native language.

How is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy distributed to all stakeholders?

The policy will be posted on the school website and included in the family handbook at the beginning of the school year. Copies of the policy will be available in the school office upon request.