



Parent and Family Engagement Packet

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River Valley Virtual Academy Parent Volunteer Survey

Child's Name _____ **Grade** _____

Volunteer's Name _____

Relationship to Child _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

___ **Please contact me to help with selections below.**

___ **Please contact me for other needs that may arise.**

___ **I can also assist in other ways (please list below)**

Ongoing Opportunities

___ **Field Experiences**

___ **Volunteer Experiences**

We value and need the volunteer time and energy you can give to support our school. As the year progresses and needs arise, you will be contacted.

Volunteering makes a difference in your child's academic experiences and in long term success of our school.

How to Become Involved in Activities

- ❖ **Parent Information Sessions throughout the school year**
- ❖ **Open House**
- ❖ **2 parent/teacher conferences**
- ❖ **Band/Choir Nights at VBSD Schools**
- ❖ **Meet the Coach—Athletic Nights**
- ❖ **School Newsletter**
- ❖ **Facebook page**
- ❖ **Twitter**
- ❖ **School Website**
- ❖ **Parent Center**
- ❖ **Report to the Public**
- ❖ **Band and Athletic Booster club**
- ❖ **Connexus grading system**
- ❖ **Remind 101**
- ❖ **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Roles of the Teachers, Parents, and Students

Teacher Responsibilities

As a Teacher, I will encourage and support all students' learning by doing the following:

- Maintain an open communication with parents by providing regular feedback on student progress.
- Create an online learning environment where students are given vast opportunities, a rigorous curriculum, and encouragement to reach their full potential.
- Hold high expectations for all students.
- Create a positive and safe learning environment while fostering independent learning so students will set goals and evaluate their progress toward these goals to become productive members of society.
- Treat each child with kindness and respect.

Parent Responsibilities (Created by Parent Involvement Committee)

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Support my child by serving as the Learning Coach
- Monitor daily lessons and grades
- Staying informed about my child's education and communication with the school by promptly reading and responding to all notices
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Provide a quiet study area for online learning

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES (created by River Valley Virtual Academy students)

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve Arkansas's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Log in daily to complete work in Connexus
- Communicate with teachers and staff at RVVA about concerns
- Monitor grades each week and discuss with parents and teachers
- Participate in field experiences and volunteer opportunities

Communication Between Teachers and Parents

School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement. The following tools are used to communicate with parents:

- ❖ Email (located on school website)
- ❖ Phone
- ❖ Facebook
- ❖ Twitter
- ❖ Remind 101
- ❖ School Newsletter
- ❖ School Website
- ❖ Connexus Online Program

School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

River Valley Virtual Academy

**Facilitator:
Jennifer Feeny**

**Plan Review/Revision Date:
May 24, 2021**

**District Level Reviewer, Title:
Karen Allen, Assistant Superintendent**

District Level Approval Date:

Committee Members, Role:

**Jennifer Feeny, Facilitator
Dana Goodman, Support Teacher
Bryan Collins, Parent**

Meetings:

September 7, 2021

November 9, 2021

January 11, 2022

May 10, 2022

River Valley Virtual Academy

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1: Jointly Developed

The River Valley Virtual Academy will involve parents in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan by conducting a parent engagement meeting to develop the plan and hold quarterly meetings.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will involve parents in the review, update, and improvement, at least annually (May 2022), of the school parent and family engagement plan to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will ensure adequate representation of parents of participating children in the process in a variety of roles by inviting all parents to participate in the parent engagement planning and evaluation process.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will submit any parent comments to the district if the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to parents.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will address opportunities for regular meetings if requested by parents.

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2: Annual Title I Meeting

The River Valley Virtual Academy will conduct an annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will inform parents of their rights under Title I.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will hold the Annual Title I meeting on *September 7, 2021* at the River Valley Virtual Academy located at 60 Northridge Drive, Van Buren.

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3: Communications

The River Valley Virtual Academy will make the school parent and family engagement plan available to families and the local community by posting to the school website and by distributing to parents.

The River Valley Virtual Academy facilitator is Jennifer Feeny, 479-471-3165.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will ensure that the plan is written in an understandable and uniform format, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand, and that the informational packet is appropriate for the age and grade of each child.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will distribute an informational packet annually to include a description of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, recommended roles, ways for a family to get involved in a variety of roles, survey regarding volunteer interests, schedule of activities planned throughout the school year, and suggestions

for regular two-way, and meaningful communication for parents/teachers. Informational packets will be on the school website and distributed to parents.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will place a parent-friendly summary/explanation of the parent and family engagement plan online and as a supplement to the student handbook.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will obtain signatures from each parent acknowledging receipt of the [district's] parent and family engagement plan summary at open house (August) and/or parent-teacher conferences (October and March).

The River Valley Virtual Academy will offer meetings at various times which include morning and afternoon meetings. Meetings dates are scheduled for the following dates and times:

September 7, 2021 9:00 am

November 9, 2021 2:00 pm

January 11, 2022 9:00 am

May 10, 2022 2:00 pm

The River Valley Virtual Academy will offer meetings in different formats which include face-to-face, phone, and/or online.

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4: School-Parent Compact

The River Valley Virtual Academy will jointly develop a School-Parent Compact which will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will address the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:

- conferences (2 per year)
- frequent reports on progress (available online through Connexus)
- reasonable access to staff (through email, phone, or face-to-face)
- opportunities to volunteer

- observation of online lessons

The River Valley Virtual Academy will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the challenging State academic standards.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will encourage school staff to use volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book listing interests and availability of volunteers. The volunteer resource book will be located in the parent center.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will involve parents in a variety of roles such as caregiver support, volunteer experiences, student orientations, Connexus 411, and parent-teacher conferences.

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5: Reservation of Funds

The River Valley Virtual Academy will involve parents and family members of children receiving services under Title I in the decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for parent and family engagement activities. The parent engagement allocation for the River Valley Virtual Academy is \$614.

The Van Buren School District will reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement.

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6: Coordination of Services

The River Valley Virtual Academy will investigate and, where feasible, utilize community resources in the instructional program.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs, activities, and strategies with early childhood programs, college and career-ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs that encourage and support parents in fully participating.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will promote and support responsible parenting through the use of the school newsletter, emails, Connexus 411, and/or parent meetings.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will consider recruiting alumni to create an alumni advisory commission.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will enable the formation of a Parent-Teacher Association or organization and leaders of the said organization will be utilized in appropriate decisions.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will engage in other activities that will use community resources to strengthen the school programs, practices, and learning. For example, the River Valley Virtual Academy will partner with the Impact program to provide additional learning activities for the students enrolled at the River Valley Virtual Academy.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will ensure the plan is comprehensive and coordinated in nature.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will incorporate this plan into the school's improvement plan.

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7: Building Capacity of Parents

The River Valley Virtual Academy will schedule regular parent involvement meetings:

September 7, 2021

November 9, 2021

January 11, 2022

May 10, 2022

The River Valley Virtual Academy will provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at regularly scheduled parent involvement meetings.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will provide parents with individual student academic assessment results and interpretation of those results at parent-teacher conferences and/or open house.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will provide parents with a description and explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards at parent-teacher conferences, open house, or parent meetings.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will provide assistance and instruction to parents of children served by the school in understanding these topics: Arkansas Academic Standards, state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments

Title I, Part A requirements, strategies parents can use to support their child's academic progress, partnering with teachers to support their child's academic achievements, incorporating developmentally appropriate learning activities, use of ADE website and tools for parents [<http://www.arkansased.gov>], assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation, and how parents of high school students can be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities, and include role-play and demonstration by trained volunteers as necessary. Assistance will be provided through a variety of methods including e-mails, newsletters, support teachers, advisors, parent-teacher conferences, and meetings.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement. Parent materials and training will be provided through a variety of methods including e-mails, newsletters, support teachers, advisors, parent-teacher conferences, and meetings.

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8: Building Capacity of School Staff

The River Valley Virtual Academy will ensure professional development requirements are met for teachers and administrators through the monitoring of professional development requirements.

The River Valley Virtual Academy will train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents on the following topics: that parents play an integral role in assisting student

learning, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school, to welcome parents into the school and seek parental support and assistance, to provide information in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand, to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities, and to recognize that a parent is a full partner by including in the school handbook the school's process for resolving parent concerns. Training will be provided through professional development opportunities within the school district and IDEAS.

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River Valley Virtual Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary

2021-2022

We believe that a partnership must exist between our parents and our school. We promote positive communication between the school and our students' homes. The school provides a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in activities supporting our school. We believe teachers have a responsibility to provide the needed framework for parents to nurture their child's formal instruction at home. We will provide materials that can successfully be used at home to reinforce the academic success of children. The district will reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement. It is our goal to provide an atmosphere where parents are able to express their views and to assist in problem solving. We want parents to understand that we view them as joint policy and decision makers and plan to emphasize their roles as advocates.

Our goals for this school year are as follows:

School staff will use a variety of communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parental involvement in supporting classroom instruction.

Annual report to the public, informational packets for each parent, survey for parent regarding his/her interests in volunteering, school program guide, parent workshops, newsletters, Remind 101, school's social media sites, report cards, and orientation for new students.

The school will hold parent meetings, conferences, and activities regularly throughout the year to increase parental involvement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts.

The school will hold regular meetings to keep parents informed about their child's learning. The school will provide instruction to parents to help with learning activities in the home that will help enhance their child's learning. The school will hold two conferences with parents.

The school will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

The school will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts for parents/guardians. The school will provide parents and community members with information to make the experience pleasant and successful.

The school will provide an opportunity for parents to engage in decision-making processes in regarding the school's program.

The school will involve parents/guardians on school improvement committees and curricular and instructional review committees.

The school will provide a parent resource center for parents.

The school will engage parents in an evaluation of parental involvement efforts.