⭐ Ripley Middle School ⭐

Family Engagement: Working Together for Student Success

Our Commitment to Family Engagement

In accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 6318 et seq., WV Code of State Rules §§ 126-11A-1, 126-11A-3, and 126-11A-4, West Virginia State Board of Education Policy 2322, and Jackson County Schools Policy 2111, Ripley Middle School believes that students learn best when there is a strong partnership among the school, parents and families, students, school business partners, and the community. These partnerships can strengthen student achievement, improve student behavior, promote parent involvement and engagement, and reduce truancy.

At Ripley Middle School, we believe families are our students' first and most important teachers. When families, students, teachers, and the school work together, students are more likely to succeed academically, attend school regularly, demonstrate positive behavior, and feel connected to their school.

Family engagement means more than attending meetings or signing papers. It means building relationships, communicating openly, celebrating successes, addressing concerns, and working together to support students as they grow into responsible and successful young adults.

🔵 What Families Can Expect From Ripley Middle School 🔵

Ripley Middle School is committed to building meaningful partnerships with families and creating opportunities for families to be actively involved in their child's education. We are committed to:

- Communicating regularly with families about student learning, academic progress, attendance, behavior, school activities, and important school information.
- Providing information in a clear and understandable format and, when practicable, in a language families can understand.
- Sharing information about academic standards, assessments, student progress, and available supports so families can make informed decisions about their child's education.
- Providing opportunities for families to ask questions, share concerns, and provide feedback about their child's education and our school.
- Inviting families to participate in parent-teacher conferences, meetings, school activities, and school improvement efforts.
- Providing resources, activities, and learning opportunities that help families support student learning at home.
- Offering opportunities for families to learn more about technology, literacy, homework and study strategies, assessments, and other resources that support student success.
- Working with families to identify appropriate academic, behavioral, attendance, intervention, and enrichment support for students.
- Creating a school environment that is welcoming, respectful, supportive, and focused on student success.
- Respecting and valuing the different cultures, languages, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives represented in our school community.
- Encouraging meaningful collaboration among families, school staff, students, community organizations, and school business partners.

🔹 Families as Partners 🔹

We want families to be active partners in their child's education. Families are encouraged to:

- Make sure students attend school regularly and arrive prepared to learn.
- Encourage students to follow school and classroom expectations.
- Take an active interest in their child's grades, assignments, attendance, and overall progress.
- Check Canvas and other school communication platforms regularly.
- Read and respond to school communications when necessary.

- Provide a consistent place and time for students to complete homework and study.
- Encourage students to read and practice important academic skills at home.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and other meetings when possible, or communicate with the school when an alternative arrangement is needed.
- Ask questions when something is unclear.
- Communicate with teachers and school staff when concerns arise.
- Work with the school to identify appropriate academic, behavioral, attendance, intervention, and enrichment opportunities for their child.
- Encourage their child to take responsibility for their own learning, behavior, attendance, and progress.
- Celebrate their child's accomplishments and encourage continued growth.

📲 Communication Goes Both Ways 📲

We believe meaningful family engagement begins with open, respectful, two-way communication.

Families should feel comfortable reaching out to teachers, counselors, administrators, and other school staff with questions, concerns, ideas, or feedback. Likewise, school staff will make every effort to communicate with families regularly and provide information that is timely, meaningful, and easy to understand.

We recognize that families and school staff may not always agree. When concerns arise, our goal is to listen, communicate respectfully, seek understanding, and work together toward solutions that support what is best for the student.

🔔 Family Engagement Opportunities 🔔

Ripley Middle School will provide families with opportunities to participate in activities that support student achievement, school success, and meaningful family-school partnerships. Opportunities may include:

- Parent-teacher conferences
- Academic and data meetings
- Family learning activities
- Curriculum and assessment information sessions
- Technology and Canvas support
- Literacy and academic support activities
- School improvement planning
- Volunteer opportunities
- School events and activities
- Community partnerships and resource events
- Surveys and opportunities to provide feedback
- Other activities designed to support student and family needs

We encourage families to participate in opportunities that are meaningful and accessible to them. We also welcome suggestions for additional activities, resources, or supports that would strengthen family engagement at Ripley Middle School.

⭐ Our Shared Goal ⭐

Families + Students + School = Student Success

At Ripley Middle School, we believe every student has the ability to grow, learn, and succeed. Strong family-school partnerships help students feel supported, connected, and accountable for their learning.

By maintaining open communication, building relationships, sharing responsibility, and working together, we can create a school community where every student has the opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you for being an important part of the Ripley Middle School family!