

**2018-2019
Oak Hill Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy**



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Title I Information

Oak Hill Elementary is identified as a school wide Title I school as a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a policy that supports Oak Hill Elementary's mission and vision statement as well as describes how Oak Hill Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent involvement to support student learning. The Oak Hill Elementary School faculty and staff take seriously its obligation to involve parents and the community in educating students. Oak Hill values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. At Oak Hill Elementary we recognize that parents are their child's primary teachers and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education. This policy describes the different ways that Oak Hill will support parent involvement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Oak Hill Elementary School held a parent feedback/revision meeting in the spring of last year that invited all parents review and give input on this parent and family engagement policy, our school-parent compact, the parental involvement budget, building staff capacity, the Title I Schoolwide Plan, the district's parental involvement policy, and the Comprehensive LEA Plan. Oak Hill Elementary School welcomes parent feedback and comments at any time regarding the policy. The policy assures parents their feedback will be sought on the school's performance and lists specific ways in which parents will be involved. The policy is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. Parent evaluations are conducted after the parent programs and the results are used to address any concerns. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the policy for next year.

Who is it for? All Oak Hill Elementary School students participate in the Title I, Part A school wide program. Their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the involvement activities described in the policy. Oak Hill Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory students.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the policy is included in the student Title I packet that is distributed to all students and is also given to new students as they register throughout the year. Parents can obtain a copy of the policy from the parent resource area as well. The policy is also available for review on the school website.

Newton County Schools Goals

2018-19 District Goals

To increase student achievement.

2018-19 School Goals

Students in grades K-5 will increase their ELA/Reading scores by 3% as measured by IOWA by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Students in grades K-5 will increase their math scores by 3% as measured by IOWA by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this policy, Oak Hill Elementary School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers and students will develop together explaining how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Title I Parent Revision/Feedback meeting at the end of the school year. The schoolparent compacts are kept on file in the office if parents or teachers need a copy.



Parent Engagement Program and Activities

Oak Hill Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student academic achievement. Invitational flyers will be sent home in Wednesday folders and posted in the school newsletter; on social media, the school website and marquee. Meetings will be held in the evenings, with alternate sessions available in the morning.

Title I Annual Parent Orientation Meeting: August 23, 2018 - 7:30am or 6:00pm

We invite parents to attend an evening of learning about our school-wide Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-parent compacts and parents' requirements. Morning and evening meeting offered for your convenience.

Curriculum Night: Understanding Grade Level Expectations: August 24 2018- 6:30pm

Parents will have the opportunity to meet the teachers as well as attend grade level presentations for information regarding the expectations for their child for the school year.

Family Math Night: Homework Help and Strategies Workshop: September 18, 2018 - 6:30pm

Parents and teachers will meet to discuss strategies to build partnerships. Parent will also learn strategies to help their child with math strategies and homework.

Parent Technology Drop-In: November 14, 2018 - 7:30am or 2:30pm

Come "drop in" and spend time in the computer lab with your child to learn about how their student is using technology in the classroom and learn the computer programs available to help increase your child's academic achievement. Learn about the valuable information available on the Oak Hill website. Pick the morning or afternoon; whichever is best for you!

Family Literacy Night: March 14, 2019 - 6:30pm

Families will have the opportunity to come to Oak Hill for an exciting night of Literacy. Teachers will share quality literature activities as well as reading strategies.

Title I Parent Feedback/Revision Meeting: March 14, 2019 - 7:30am or 6:00pm

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss, review and provide feedback for the school parent involvement policy, district parent involvement policy, building staff capacity, the CLIP, schoolparent compact, family-parent involvement meetings, the Parent Involvement budget.

Parent Resource Area

The parent resource area is located in the media center with a variety of resources and information to help parents. Guided Reading Kits (K-5) are available for checkout. Coaching materials for end of course assessments, math manipulatives, flash cards and various other resources are available as well. Computers can also be used to review the parent page on the school website for helpful resources as well as Infinite Campus.

The Parent Resource Center is available to parents Monday-Friday from 7:15 a.m. — 8:00 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.—3:00 p.m., during parent involvement meetings, and other times by request.

For more information, please contact Mary Johnson, Title I Contact, at 770.385.6906, or email: johnson.mary@newton.k12.ga.us

Parental Involvement

Oak Hill Elementary believes that parent involvement is the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- ⇒ That all parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education;*
- ⇒ That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in their child's education;*
- ⇒ That parents take an important role in assisting their child's learning;*
- ⇒ The fulfillment of activities as described in this plan.*

Building Capacity

Oak Hill Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are posted on the school website, the school marquee, sent home in monthly newsletters, invitation/reminders in Wednesday folders, Twitter, Facebook and school messenger.*
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs and meetings is published in both English and Spanish.*
- Ensure that all parents are offered parent engagement activity meetings throughout the school year that will provide parents will valuable information on how to work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.*
- Provide materials for parents at conferences and meetings to help parents to understand grade level assessments and content.*
- Conduct professional learning on parent and family engagement practices and academic strategies that are linked to learning, relational, developmental, and interactive to foster partnerships with parents.*
- Provide joint trainings with faculty and families on the value of communication and working as equal partners to build ties between families and the school.*
- Partner with local pre-k programs to share information regarding parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten. There will also be school tours scheduled for local pre-k programs.*
- Provide a parent resource area, located in the media center, with a variety of resources available to improve their child's academic achievement as well as computers for parent use.*
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for any additional support needed for parent and family engagement.*

Our Commitment

Oak Hill is committed to the belief that our parents are full partners in the education of children. We strive to maintain regular, two way communication with parents involving student academic learning and school activities. We offer a variety of activities to promote academic achievement, which are scheduled in the evening, to allow working parents to be able to attend. Oak Hill will partner with various stake holders including our Partners In Education, community businesses, churches and PTO to pro-mote communication and a shared vision to increase student achievement.

Visitor and Volunteer Policy

Parents are always welcome and there are many opportunities throughout the year to volunteer at Oak Hill. Student safety is our top priority therefore, it is required that all visitors sign in at the front office before proceeding to any part of the building.

*Joining **PTO** is a great way to get involved. There are several events during the year, such as Fall Festival, Holiday Shop, and Valentine Dance that need volunteers. Please contact the PTO president for more information. The **Media Center** loves volunteers anytime and during the Book Fair. You may contact Mrs. Ramsey for details. Parents are always welcome to volunteer at **Field Day and Jump Rope For Heart**. Look for details from Coach Arena in the spring. Of course, our teachers can use the support of parent volunteers. If interested in volunteering in a classroom, please contact your child's homeroom teacher to make arrangements.*

Measures of Effectiveness

- **Parent Meeting Evaluation**-to gather feedback from the parents to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting and to gain insight on parent academic support for future meetings.
- **Parent Survey Data**-to gain insight on Oak Hill Elementary School effectiveness in meeting the needs of parents in various areas such as technology, parent workshop topics, and school climate so that we can create an environment that meets the needs of all parents and families.
- **Revision and Development Stakeholders Meeting:** to give all stakeholders the opportunity to give input to build the effectiveness on the:
 - *Parent and Family Engagement Policy-School and District*
 - *School-Parent Compact*
 - *Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP)*
 - *Title I Schoolwide Plan*
 - *Building Staff Capacity*
 - *Parent Involvement 1% Funding*
- **Student Outcomes:** to access if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school-parent compacts are effectively impacting student achievement.
- **Multiple Opportunities for Input:** Oak Hill Elementary will provide several opportunities for parents and families to give input on the effectiveness of the Title I Program. Parents can access our Title I Schoolwide Plan, The Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact on our school's website. These documents are also located in our parent resource section in the Media Center.

