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**Oak Hill Elementary School
Parent and Family Engagement Policy**



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What is Title I?

Oak Hill Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement 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 stakeholder input 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 2023-24 District Goals

Strategic Goal Area I: Student achievement and success

- Improve student mastery of standards
- Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success beyond test scores
- Increase graduation rate

2023-24 School Goals

By the end of the school year, students in grades K-5 will increase their ELA/Reading scores by 5 points as measured by FastBridge.

By the end of the school year, students in grades K-5 will increase their math scores by 3 points as measured by FastBridge.

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 school-parent 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.

Annual Title I Parent Orientation Meeting: August 17, 2023 -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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: September 15, 2023—Families and teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students' progress as well as address the School-Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Family Math Night: Homework Help and Strategies: September 26, 2023—6:00pm

Parents and teachers will meet to discuss strategies to build partnerships. Teachers will model math strategies using hands-on activities for parents to help their child with at home.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: February 2, 2024

Families and Teachers will have the opportunity to discuss students' progress as well as address the School-Parent Compact and Parent Policy.

Family Literacy Night: February 15, 2024 - 6:00pm

Families will have the opportunity to come for an exciting night of Literacy activities. Teachers will share quality literature activities as well as model reading strategies for parents to use at home to help increase student achievement.

Annual Stakeholder Input Meeting: March 14, 2024 - 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, school-parent compact, family-parent involvement meetings, the Parent Involvement budget.

Parent Engagement Funds

Did you know that each LEA that receives more than \$500,000 in Title I, Part A funds, shall reserve at least one percent of its allocation to assist schools to carry out the parental engagement activities? Attend our Annual Title I Stakeholder's Input Meeting to give your input on how we can use our funds to provide you with the tools, resources and strategies to help your child reach academic success.



Parent Engagement

Oak Hill Elementary believes that parent engagement 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 and share practices 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.

Continuous Communication

All informed, engaged, and supportive family plays an instrumental role in a student's academic success. The Newton County School System supports families in partnerships with schools, district, and the community in the quest of achieving academic success for all students. Here are some ways that we provide continuous communication with our parents to ensure that learning is continued beyond the school day.

- ⇒ Parent Connect Canvas Page
- ⇒ Teacher Canvas Page
- ⇒ Twitter
- ⇒ Facebook
- ⇒ Home-School Connect Newsletters
- ⇒ School's Website

For more information, please contact
Stephanie Valdivia, Title I Contact, at 770.385.6906
or email: valdivia.stephanie@newton.k12.ga.us

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 check-out. 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.

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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.

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 the media center for details. Parents are always welcome to volunteer at **Field Day and Jump Rope For Heart**. Look for details from Coach Angel 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.



Parent Comments and Suggestions

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We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of the schoolwide program plan that you feel needs to be adjusted, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the office.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number (optional) _____

**GET
INVOLVED**
Be a volunteer and reap the rewards