

Oswayo Valley Elementary Title I Parent Involvement Policy 2022-2023

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Purpose of Title 1

Oswayo Valley Elementary School believes that ongoing involvement as parents is very important to the success of our students' education. To meet the Title I Schools requirements, our school must create and support a strong parent-school partnership. To receive Title I funding for our school, programs that support parent involvement must be in place and implemented. As a schoolwide Title 1 school, all students in the elementary school benefit from the funding and are considered participants. As a Title I school, we encourage parent involvement and plan meaningful activities in which parents and families may participate.

Annually, a Title I orientation meeting will be convened in conjunction with the open house night at the beginning of each school year. All parents will be invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting will be to inform parents of the school's participation under Title I and II and to explain Title I requirements and parents' rights to be involved. Teachers will also inform parents regarding the curriculum used in the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

A group of parents, teachers, and administrators will be responsible for the construction and revision of this Parent Involvement Policy, the School-Wide Title I Plan, and the Parent – Teacher-Student Compacts.

The Parent-Teacher-Student Compact outlines how parents, the school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved students' academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build a partnership to help students achieve the State Standards. The contract shall address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis. The compact will be distributed to all parents through the Oswayo Valley Student Handbook and will be sent home with each student, as well as being posted on the district website.

Oswayo Valley Elementary School will provide parents with timely and pertinent information regarding parent involvement in their child's achievement and the schools' performance. This will include but not be limited to, the following:

- Yearly Title I and open house meetings at all eligible schools
- Family Fun Nights at the elementary school
- Written communication from teachers, including:
 - Daily agenda notes for elementary school students
 - Weekly take-home folders for elementary school students
 - 9 week report cards at all schools
 - Formal standardized test scores and reports for all eligible grades

- Open communication via email and phone calls
- Parent Portal option on the Focus Student Information System

Title I is a federally funded program that provides opportunities for children served to acquire the knowledge and the skills necessary to meet challenging State Content Standards. Title I funds are distributed to schools where needs are the greatest, in amounts sufficient to make a difference in the improvement of instruction and student performance.

Title I coordinates services with other educational services and with health and social services programs when possible.

Title I school-wide programs provide greater decision-making authority and flexibility within the schools and for teachers. However, greater responsibility for student performance is the exchange made for this flexibility.

Parental involvement is an integral part of the Title I program. Parents are encouraged to become partners in helping their children achieve and to become actively involved in all aspects of the process of the Title I program, from the writing of the plan to its implementation and evaluation.

A strong connection between the home and the school is a key element in student success. Materials, strategies, and assistance from teachers are available to all parents within a Title I school-wide program. Opportunities for active parent participation should include, but not be limited to open house, parent workshops, school-parent compacts, parent-teacher organizations, conferences, and more.

Components of a School-Wide Plan

- A comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school is conducted
- School-wide reform strategies provide opportunities for all children to meet the state's proficiency performance standards
- High quality staff members provide instruction
- Professional development is conducted on a continual basis throughout the year
- Activities are presented to increase parent involvement
- Plans are included to provide transitional assistance from preschool to Elementary, from elementary to middle school, and from middle school to high school
- Measures are taken to include teachers in the decisions regarding the use of assessments
- Activities are conducted to ensure that students who experience difficulty mastering state standards will be provided with effective, timely, and additional assistance

Title I Participation

Oswayo Valley Elementary School will continually monitor the implementation of the Title I plan and welcome input from parents, school staff, and community members regarding the current and future Title I plans. If you would like to participate on the schools Title I planning team or make comments on the plan, please contact the school office.

Expected Levels of Proficiency

Based upon requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, all students in grades 3 through 12 are expected to meet state proficiency levels by the end of each year.

Results of student assessments are presented at parent-teacher conferences, progress reports, report cards, etc.