

**Oakview Primary School
Parental Involvement Policy
2014-15**

Oakview Primary School is committed to the success of students and will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Title I program and Parental Involvement Policy to provide excellence in education.

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

The Oakview Primary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school campus will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for Title I, Part A. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

- Consistent with section 1118, the school campus will work to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.

- The school campus will incorporate this campus-wide parental involvement policy into its CAMPUS plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.

- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school campus will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the CAMPUS plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school campus will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school campus submits the plan to the State Department of Education.

- The school campus will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that it will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- (C) 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 the education of their child;*
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.*

PART II - CAMPUS WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. The Oakview Primary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its campus wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:

Parents will serve on the campus and campus site-based committees which write the campus and campus parental involvement policies. Parent input will be solicited at Title I meetings.

2. The Oakview Primary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

Parents will participate on Campus Improvement Committees.

3. The Oakview Primary School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

The Campus will maintain a Title I Parental Involvement link on the campus webpage.

4. The Oakview Primary School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:

Oakview kindergarten roundup activities will be coordinated with the Oakview' s Pre-K, as well as area day cares and Head Start programs.

5. Oakview Primary School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school campus will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

The evaluation will be conducted at the end of the school year during a campus site-based meeting.

6. Oakview Primary School will build the schools and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. Oakview Primary School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school campus, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:

Oakview will encourage and support communication between principals and teachers with parents using phone calls, email and Skyward software; newsletters; and state assessment information.

B. Oakview will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:

Provide Skyward Family Access to online grade books
Provide teacher e-mail for parent communication purposes
Provide newsletters
Provide online resources via the school website
Provide assistance on how to help with Reading homework

C. Oakview will educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

Encourage and support parental involvement in Parent/Teacher conferences
Encourage staff participation in Region 8 workshops/conferences specific to parental involvement
Support campus-based staff development parent involvement training

D. The school campus will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

TEA-provided parent documents for understanding test results will be provided in Spanish, as provided by TEA.
Where appropriate, acquire services of translator to assist with parent meetings
Encourage campuses to arrange school meetings at a variety of times to accommodate parents

PART III – DISCRETIONARY CAMPUS-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

Oakview will conduct the following activities to promote parental involvement:

- Meet the Teacher Nights
- Book Fairs
- Website announcements & calendars
- School Newsletters
- Field Day
- Parenting Tips
- Family Nights
- Online Access of child's grades
- School Health Advisory Council
- Public School Week Public performances

PART IV - ADOPTION

Oakview's Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by parent sign-in sheets.

This policy was adopted by the Oakview Primary School on August 21, 2014, and will be in effect for the period of 2014-15 school year. Oakview will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A by publishing it on the campus's website.