



School Parent and Family Engagement Plan
Oglethorpe County Middle School
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Oglethorpe County Middle School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The Oglethorpe County Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community. An annual revision and update of the school parent and family engagement policy will be held.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, 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 ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent feasible, in a language parents understand.
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- (C) 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) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Oglethorpe County Middle School will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

We will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the planning, review, and improvement of schoolwide programs and the school parental involvement plan by:

- Inviting parents to serve on the local School Council. The council offers meeting times at least two times a year and consists of teachers, community partners, parents and the principal.
- Informing parents through written communication on the status of their child's school test scores and progress. Parents will be provided with information regarding interpretation of those scores and encouraged to ask questions.
- Inviting parents to assist in updating the Title I School and Family Engagement Plan.
- An annual revision and update of the school parent and family engagement policy will be held.
- Providing access to parents to the Title I School and Family Engagement Plan in multiple ways.
- Distributing Parent Engagement Surveys to parents and families on an annual basis.
- Notifying parents of assessment results through PowerSchool, parent meetings, progress reports, report cards, parent-teacher conferences, and/or written notices.
- Inviting parents to be instrumental in developing the School-Parent Compact.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Oglethorpe County Middle School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- Oglethorpe County Middle School will hold an annual meeting on September 15, 2026 to inform parents and families of the school's participation in the School-wide Title I Program. At this time, the school-wide and its requirements are explained, parents and families are informed of their right to be involved, and student/parent/teacher compacts are explained. This meeting will be held on September 15, 2026 after the school's first Parent Visitation. Notification of this meeting is advertised on the school website, through emails, the agenda book, marquee' and messages to parents. A copy of the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be available for distribution during the annual meeting and in other ways.
- Incentives are offered to those students whose parents attend and meetings are held at a variety of times to match parents' work schedules.

COMMUNICATIONS

Oglethorpe County Middle School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- 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:

The school will provide all parents and families of participating students, timely information through emails, parent/family letters, newsletters, conferences, the school website, phone contacts, and/or the Parent Visitations. These contacts will include information concerning:

- All Title I programs at Oglethorpe County Middle School
- Results of the annual review of the Schoolwide Title I Improvement Plan, including all school performance profiles
- Individual student assessment results and an explanation of those results
- A description of the grade level's curriculum and an explanation of that curriculum
- A description and explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and proficiency levels that students are expected to meet

- Opportunities for regular meetings (mornings, evenings, or by phone/internet) to formulate suggestions, share with other families, and participate in decisions affecting the education of their students
- Timely responses to parent/family questions and/or suggestions
- Any unsatisfactory comments regarding the Title I School-wide Improvement Plan, which are forwarded to the District LEA as an attachment to the school-wide plan
- Such meetings will include, but are not limited to School Council Meetings, the Annual Title I Meeting, and the Strategic Planning Meeting held annually each summer.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Oglethorpe County Middle School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

We will:

- Discuss the components of the school-parent compact at school council meetings
- Solicit input from all parents and families of Oglethorpe County Middle School
- Develop the compact with parents at the meeting
- Seek input from students and teachers on the various components of the compact
- Present the information within the compact at the Annual Title I meeting

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, Oglethorpe County Middle School will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- Offering opportunities to give input at School Council meetings.
- Conducting annual parent surveys and feedback forms.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Oglethorpe County Middle School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

Oglethorpe County Middle School will coordinate parent/family involvement programs along with other programs from the community such as:

- Migrant programs
- Homeless Programs
- Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Programs
- Homeschool Programs
- Virtual School Programs relating to alternative schooling situations

Coordination of these programs will be carried out to the extent feasible and appropriate for participating students and their families.

Although only Title IIA and Title I Part A funds are consolidated in the Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds, many other federal, state, and local services and programs are included. These include:

- Title I-Part A
- NEGA RESA
- Title II Part A
- Title III-Limited English Proficiency
- IDEA Flow Through
- Advantage Behavioral Health Systems
- GBI: Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- GEMA: Georgia Emergency Management Agency

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Oglethorpe County Middle School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Parent ProTech has partnered with schools in Georgia to promote digital safety and responsible technology use among students and families. It provides resources and training to help parents and educators navigate the digital landscape, including information on online safety, digital trends, and parental controls. The program is available at no cost to all Georgia public schools and families. For all the information, please click this link:
<https://app.parentprotech.com/1018/oglethorpe-county/en/signup?source=admin>
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The challenging State's academic standards
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - The requirements of Title I, Part A
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

Providing workshops and/or materials presented at Parent Visitation Night Sessions related to the following topics:

- Internet Safety/Cyber Bullying
- Social Media
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Ways to support student learning (e.g. Literacy & Math)
- State & local assessments
- Student Information System (i.e. PowerSchool)

We will also provide web based links on the website for all students to access, demonstrating to parents the various programs their child can use.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Oglethorpe County Middle School will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

- Presenting slideshows and reviewing articles on fostering parental support as provided by the Coordinator of Student Support Services
- Providing additional opportunities to educate faculty and staff in the value and utilization of contributions made by parents and families. The faculty and staff will work as equal partners with parents and families to coordinate and implement Parent-Teacher Nights, career activities, and activities for English Learners. This coordination will be done in such a way as to build strong ties between participating students' families and the school.

Oglethorpe County Middle School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

- Providing equal opportunities, to the fullest extent possible, for involvement of parents and families of EL students, migratory students, and students with disabilities. This will include providing parents and families' information about school programs, meetings, and activities in a language and/or format that they can understand.
- Developing and accepting through the collaborative efforts of parents, families, business partners, staff, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators, the Oglethorpe County Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The school-wide Title I plan is evaluated and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents, families, and the school. Parents and families receive an updated version of the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan at the beginning of each new school year. The plan is shared with the community using the school's website. The Counselor's office also maintains an updated version of the plan to share with new students and their families upon arrival to Oglethorpe County.