OSSIE WARE MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent & Family Engagement Plan

2026-2027

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Ossie Ware Mitchell 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.

High-Quality Curriculum and Instruction:	**Regular Two-Way Meaningful Communication:**	**Annual Title I Meetings**
Ossie Ware Mitchell MS provides high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows: • *Curriculum will be taught by highly qualified teachers and/or teachers who are working toward state certification.* • *Students will receive quality instruction using the Alabama Course of Study standards, along with quality materials provided through BCS curriculum department.* • *Teachers will provide students with multiple opportunities for success through various assessments, re-teaching, small group, tutoring, and intersession to ensure students master the curriculum.*	**Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** ensures regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand. • *The school will communicate with parents in their home language (English, Spanish, etc) using the EL department to help translate if necessary. Communication will be verbal and/or written.* • *Teachers will communicate via phone, email, text, and/or in-person.* • *The school will also use the school website, call-out service, and social media to communicate.*	**Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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, P school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact. Our Annual Title I Parent Meetings will be held: • *August 17, 2026 at 10:00 am via Zoom.* • *August 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm in-person at the school.*

Parent-Teacher Conferences: **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** will hold parent-teacher conferences as it relates to the individual child's achievement. • *Teachers will reach out to parents on a weekly/bi-weekly basis via phone, email, and/or district communication site.* • *Teachers will schedule conferences as needed.* • *Teachers will also be available to conference with parents during BCS calendar scheduled parent conference days.*	**Volunteer Opportunities:** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** provides opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows: • *Parents may volunteer at any time. Parents will need to schedule visits with the teacher, parent coordinator, or secretary.*	**School-Parent Compact:** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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. *A meeting will be scheduled where all stakeholders will be invited to develop the school-parent compact.*
Frequent Reports: **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** provides parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. • *Teachers will provide frequent updates on students' progress via parent conferences.* • *Parents will be notified of students' progress through progress reports and report cards given out on dates determined by the district.* • *Parents will have access to students' progress through Parent Portal.*	**Contacting and Communicating with School Staff:** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** Staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows: • *Conference times and dates set up by the teacher.* • *District parent conference days.* • *In-person, phone, email, district communication application*	**Reservation Of Funds** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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. • *During the Annual Title 1 Meeting, the principal will discuss what it means to be a Title 1 school, how funds are set aside, how much those funds are, and what those funds are purposed for. Parents will be given dates/times to join the principal, parent coordinator, and staff on deciding how those funds will be spent.*
Coordination Of Services **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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:	**Building Capacity of Parents** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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	**Building Capacity of School Staff** **Ossie Ware Mitchell MS** 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:

• *Parents will be involved in any support services provided by other organizations, businesses, and community partner.*	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. • 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. *There will be meetings, workshops, classes, etc., held to assist and train parents on topics such as academic standards, assessments, Title 1, academic achievement, and topics relevant to parents. There are pamphlets available in the parent corner of the school that lists various topics of interests to parents. These topics will also be used in meetings with parents. There are also monitors at the entrance of the school with announcements and pertinent information for parents.*	• *Meetings will be held for staff to educate them on working with parents and how parents will be involved in the instructional day.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2026-2027

August

- Annual Title I Parent Meetings:
  August 17, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. / Zoom
  August 17, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m./ In-Person
- I-Ready Benchmarks Begin

September

- September 7: Labor Day
- Progress Reports
- I-Ready Ends

October (State Family Involvement Month)

- End of Grading Period
- BCS Intersession
- Report Cards
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Fall Break
- Stem Night
- E-Learning Day & Parent Conference Day

November

- Veteran's Day
- Progress Reports
- American Education Week
- Thanksgiving Break

December

- I-Ready (MOY) Begins
- All City Band
- School Spelling Bee
- Christmas Break

January

- New Year's Day
- Teacher Work Day
- 1st Day for Students
- Report Cards
- District STEM Projects
- District Spelling Bee

February

- Progress Reports
- School Counseling Week
- African American Read In
- President's Day
- Social Justice Fair
- Black History Program
- Spring Intersession

March

- ACAP Alternate Begins
- E-Learning Day/Parent Conference Day
- ACAP Summative Begins
- End of 3rd Grading Period
- Spring Break

April

- Report Cards
- ACAP Alternate Ends
- Assistant Principal's Week
- School Librarian's Day
- Administrative Professional's Day
- ACAP Ends
- Teacher Work Day
- I-Ready (EOY) Begins

May

- Progress Reports

- Sneaker Ball
- I-Ready (EOY) Ends
- OWM Fun Day
- Memorial Day
- Honors & Awards (6/7)
- 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

June

- Last Day for Students
- Last Day for Teachers
- Report Cards go home