

Oaks Middle School has developed a written Title I parental involvement policy with input from Title I parents/guardians. The policy is distributed annually and describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental involvement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

## **Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program**

To involve parents in the Title I program at Oaks Middle School, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program. The principal shares the Title I presentation with families (Coffee with the Principal, Back to School Night, SSC and Parent meetings) at various parent meetings early in the school year.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title 1 parents. Title I parents are invited to attend all school meetings involving parent representation, which occur on different dates and times throughout the year.
- The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I Parental Involvement Policy. At Oaks Middle School, this review of the plan occurs during the annual process in which the School Site Council also reviews the School Plan for Student Achievement. At this time, the policy can be updated to meet the changing needs of students, families, and the school community.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs. This information is presented at various parent meetings and is available in the main office, and online.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This information is disseminated at various parent meetings including the Coffee with the Principal meetings that all parents are invited to attend.
- The school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

## School-Parent Compact

Oaks Middle School distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which is jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; Between the bells interventions and opportunities to observe classroom activities.

The School-Parent Compact was jointly developed with stakeholder representatives on the School Site Council. The parents on this council represent Title I parents, as well. All stakeholders are provided with ample opportunity to discuss the various elements of the School-Parent Compact, including contributions to revisions of the final document.

## **Building Capacity for Involvement**

Oaks Middle School engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. This occurs as part of various parent meetings and at the request of teachers.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand. All communications from the school, including online messages and telephone calls, as well as printed materials, are presented in Spanish for parents.

## Accessibility

Oaks Middle School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand. The school ensures a variety of forums for parents to receive information, including regularly scheduled meetings, some of which are listed below:

- School Site Council Meetings
- Coffee with the Principal
- GATE Parent Meetings
- Students with Disabilities Parent Meetings
- School English Learner Parent Advisory Meetings

Please contact Oaks Middle School at (909) 988-2050 with any questions or concerns regarding this Title I School-Level Parental Involvement Policy.

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