

Odyssey Charter School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

School Year 2020 - 2021

Odyssey is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for all students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Odyssey will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Odyssey values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that OCS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan.

Odyssey Charter School Academic Achievement Goals

Grades K-2:

Demonstrate student academic achievement by increasing the student growth percentile in Star Reading and Math by 5% in each grade level.

Grades 3-5:

Demonstrate student academic achievement by increasing the amount of students meeting their STAR growth goal by 25%.

Grades 6-8:

Demonstrate student academic achievement as measured by a 5-percentage point increase on SBAC proficiency in all grade levels in English Language Arts and Math.

Grades 9-12:

Demonstrate student academic achievement as measured by a 5% reduction of students failing or receiving a D in their courses.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, OCS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The compact will be continuously reviewed for improvement and seek input from stakeholders.

Parent and Family Engagement

Odyssey believes that family engagement means participation of parents and family members in regular two-way meaningful communication. This communication centers around student academic learning and other school activities including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in the education of their child and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making.

Odyssey is Branching Out!

Odyssey will take the following measures to promote and support the relationship with our families:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs are available in a timely manner
- Provide staff training to improve family engagement
- Partner with community programs to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning
- Share academic standards and assessments for families to monitor and interpret student progress
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings and activities
- Use our Parent Teacher Organization to improve awareness of activities and events
- Collect feedback from stakeholders

Let's Get Together!

OCS consistently sponsors events to built the capacity for strong family engagement. This is designed to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement. Below is a list of events that support this endeavor.

Academic Event Nights

Back to School Nights

Beep and Greets

Board Meetings

Open Enrollment

Open House

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Special Education Meeting

Title I Meeting