

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success School Year 2021 - 2022

Overview:

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 in developing 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 in support of student learning. Odyssey values the contributions of parents and family members as well as their involvement. With the common goal of improving student achievement, Odyssey will continue to foster and strengthen the partnership with parents and families. This plan describes the different ways that OCS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events in order 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 Goals:

Through the collaboration of stakeholders, OCS will focus on the following reform strategies to meet the state proficiency levels in the 2021-2022 school year.

- Appropriate student incentives
- Strong RTI program
- Fidelity to the Curriculum
- Whole school literacy theme
- Intentional enrichment time
- Vertical curriculum alignment

School-Parent-Student 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 sought from stakeholders. Access to the School-Parent-Student Compact can be found [here](#).

Parent and Family Engagement:

Odyssey believes that family engagement means participation of parents and family members through regular two-way meaningful communication. This communication centers around and focuses upon 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.
- That parents support OCS through fundraising and/or contributing time, talent and treasure.

To help achieve more parent involvement in the 2021-2022 school year, OCS will offer the following:

- Lunch visitors
- Family night at the book fair
- Continued involvement in developing School-Parent-Student Compact
- Identifying additional events to include on the school-calendar
- On-campus Graduation
- Parents supporting extra-curricular activities through advisement and/or coaching
- Scheduled parent surveys
- Parent-Mingling Nights
- Trainings to help students at home

Community Activities:

OCS consistently sponsors events to build 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 Events
- Athletic Events
- Back to School Nights
- Beautification Opportunities
- Board Meetings
- Extracurricular Events
- Graduation Ceremonies
- Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Special Education Meetings
- Subcommittee Meetings
- Title I Meetings
- Town Halls

Outreach:

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 stakeholders and programs to help support parents and their children for relevant developmental, cultural and educational needs
- Actively promoting opportunities for the greater community to appreciate the different athletic and extracurricular programming OCS offers
- Share academic standards and assessments for families to monitor and interpret student progress
- Offer opportunities for families to support and engage with the academic programming outside of the traditional school day
- Use our Parent Teacher Organization to improve awareness of activities and events and ways to give back to the school
- Provide translation services as needed
- Collect feedback from stakeholders

Conclusion:

Through the efforts of all stakeholders, we will continue to work together to support and promote success for all Odyssey Charter School students.