

Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success School Year 2025 - 2026



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 families in developing a written 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 and involvement of families. With the common goal of improving student achievement, Odyssey will continue to foster and strengthen the partnership with our families. This plan describes the different ways that OCS will support family engagement and how families 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 2025 - 2026 school year.

- Immersion
 - Double fourth grade cohort for immersion, expand immersion to 8th grade weaving in honors classes and an OHA for (FLES and) Immersion for a more seamless transition.
- Intervention
 - Mitigate instructional loss through the implementation of reinforcement blocks across all schools, intentional integration of SEL pieces and implementation of academic research based interventions and strategies.
- Special Education
 - Shift Special Education model to a more inclusion model reflecting the collaborative teaching model, reallocate resources based on the needs of students, and build more support into the budget where required.
- Meet SBAC and (P)SAT targets across all grade levels.

School-Family-Student Compact:

As part of this plan, OCS will share our school-family-student compact, which is an agreement that explains how families, students and staff 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-Family-Student Compact can be found [here](#).

Family Engagement:

Odyssey believes that family engagement means participation of 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 families play an integral role in assisting their student's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their student's education at school.

- That families are full partners in the education of their child and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making.
- That families support OCS through fundraising and/or contributing time, talent and treasure.

To help achieve more family involvement in the 2025-2026 school year, OCS will offer the following:

- Family nights
- Continued involvement in providing stakeholder feedback
- School-calendar of academic and non-academic events
- Graduation and Move-Up Ceremonies
- Families supporting extra-curricular activities through advisement and/or coaching
- Scheduled Family surveys
- Councils
- Parent Camp
- State regulated/required cohorts and meetings

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 and Move-Up Ceremonies
- Open House
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- State Regulated/Required Meetings
- Subcommittee Meetings
- Parent Camp

Outreach:

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

- Ensure that all information related to school and family programs are available in a timely manner
- Provide staff training to improve family engagement
- Partner with community stakeholders and programs to help support families 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.