

Annual Title I & Family Engagement Meeting

Oak Ridge Elementary Schools

September 18, 2020

Why are we Here?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:

- Inform you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explain the requirements of Title I, and
- Explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

What is a Title I School?

Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.

Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:

identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;

purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and

conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.

What will I learn?

What is a Title I School?	Why is Family Engagement important?
What are my rights?	How is Family Engagement funded?
What can the funds be used for?	What is our Family Engagement policy?
How does my school use Title I funds?	What is the School-Parent Compact?
What is SIP?	What tests will my child be taking?
What are our school wide program goals?	How can I be involved?

What are my rights?

The families and parents of Title I students have a right, by law, to:

- be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level;
- be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science;
- request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child by emailing your child's principal of Kelly Williams at Kwilliams@ortn.edu.
- request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

What can Title I funds be used for?

In general, Title I Funds may be used for:

- Smaller class sizes
- Additional teachers and paraprofessionals
- Additional training for school staff
- Extra time for instruction (before and/or after school programs),
- Parent and family engagement activities, and/or
- A variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment and technology.

How does my child's school use Title I funds?

Click on your child's school to access their Title I Power Point to get their specific Title I information and how that school spends their Title I funds.



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What is the SIP?

The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:

- the identification of the school planning team and how they will be engaged in the planning process;
- a needs assessment and summary of academic and non-academic data;
- prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and non-academic needs of students;
- teacher and staff professional development needs; and
- budgets and the coordination of resources.

Each school has a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least once per quarter. They help in the School Improvement Plan each year.

If you would like to join your school's Parent Advisory Committee, please email the school principal or Allison Peters at AKPeters@ortn.edu.

What are our schoolwide program goals?

SIP goals can be found in the School Improvement Plan for your child's school.

These can be seen on each school's website. Please contact your school principal if you have any questions or comments on these goals.

How is parent and family engagement funded?

Any district with a Title I allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of its Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.

Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district.

You, as Title I parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.

What are the benefits of family engagement?

For Students:

Higher grades and test scores

Better attendance

More positive attitudes and better behavior

Higher graduation rates

Greater enrollment in postsecondary education

For Parents and Families:

More confidence and trust in the school

Increased confidence in their parenting skills

Creates a home environment that encourages learning

Encourages families to form stronger relationships with teachers and other families

For Schools and Teachers:

Improved teacher and staff morale

Higher ratings of schools and teachers by families

More support from families

Higher student achievement

Increased and improved relationships within the community

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA. Components should include:

- how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities;
- how parent and family engagement funds are being used;
- how information and training will be provided to families; and
- how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.

You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

Oak Ridge School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy:

What is a School Parent Compact?

A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.

The compact must describe how the school will:

provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;

hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;

provide parents with reports on their child's progress;

provide parents reasonable access to staff.

provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and

ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.

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Oak Ridge Elementary Schools School- Parent Compact



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What curriculum does our schools use?

- The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.
- Tennessee's academic standards form the framework for everything taught in the Oak Ridge School District
- For more information about Tennessee's academic standards, see:
<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>

What tests will my child be taking?

- [Required: add content to describe the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress]
- [Required: provide information about the proficiency levels students are expected to meet]
- [Optional:
 - Provide information about the current achievement levels of the school
 - Provide a testing calendar/schedule
 - Provide assessment resources, such as websites and assessment guides]

How can I be involved?

We need you!

- Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.
- To get involved with your school's School Improvement Plan contact your school principal.
- To get involved with the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, contact your school principal and ask about joining the Parent Advisory Committee.
- To get involved with the School Parent Compact, contact your school principal or Allison Peters at AKPeters@ortn.edu.

Other ways you can be involved:

- Join your school's PTO and/or Parent Advisory Committee
- Encourage attendance
- Monitor your child's grades and schoolwork
- Attend family events and meetings, in person and/or virtually
- Volunteer when possible
- Read school newsletters and check school websites and social media regularly
- Check the Title I Family Engagement page for Virtual Family Workshops and Resources in the Community

For more information contact.....

- For more information on Title I, contact Kelly Williams at KWilliams@ortn.edu or Allison Peters at AKPeters@ortn.edu
- For more information on your school's Title I Information, contact your school principal or Allison Peters at AKPeters@ortn.edu.
- For general questions about the school, contact the front office at your school.
- For Community Resource Assistance, contact the Family Resource Center at 425-3201.