

Oak Ridge Board of Education			
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1 **GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

2 The Board is committed to increasing and ensuring the involvement of parents and other family members
3 in the education of students.

4 The Board shall implement the following as required by federal or state laws or regulations:¹

- 5 • The school district shall annually work with parents in evaluating and potentially revising the
6 provisions of this policy in improving the quality of schools. Such an evaluation shall strive to
7 identify any barriers to greater participation by parents (with particular attention to parents who
8 are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited
9 literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background).
- 10 • The school district shall provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other necessary
11 support to assist individual schools with planning and implementing parental involvement
12 activities.
- 13 • The school district shall involve parents with the development of required educational or
14 improvement plans.
- 15 • The school district shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies with those
16 associated with other federal or state programs.
- 17 • The school district shall put into operation activities and procedures for the involvement of
18 parents in all of its schools.² Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and
19 operated with meaningful consultation with parents.
- 20 • The school district shall ensure that activities and strategies are implemented to support this
21 policy and included in the district plan.
- 22 • The district plan shall include procedures to enable parents to learn about the course of study of
23 their children and have access to all learning materials.
- 24 • If the school district’s plan is not satisfactory to parents, the school district shall submit parental
25 comments regarding the plan to the State Department of Education as required.
- 26 • The school district shall ensure Title I schools are in compliance with the *Every Student Succeeds*
27 *Act*.

1 The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall develop and implement any procedures necessary to
2 accomplish the goals of this policy.

3 **SCHOOL LEVEL POLICY**

4 Each school shall submit to the Superintendent of Schools and Board, for review and comment, its Title
5 I school parent involvement policy, which must meet state and federal requirements, including a school-
6 parent compact. This school level policy shall be developed jointly with and distributed to parents of
7 participating students. A copy of these documents shall be retained in the district office and made
8 available on the school's (if applicable) and school system's website.

9 **SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM**

10 If the LEA Title I allocation is \$500,000 or more, one percent (1%) of the allocation is required for
11 family engagement in Title I schools. Families of students participating in the Title I schools shall have
12 the opportunity to offer input on the use of these funds.

13 **FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS¹**

14 Families and community members should be engaged in the education of students based on the following
15 standards:

- 16 • Families are welcomed into the school community;
- 17 • Families and school staff should engage in regular and meaningful communication about student
18 learning;
- 19 • Families and school staff work together to support student learning and development;
- 20 • Families are informed and encouraged to be advocates for students;
- 21 • Families are full partners in the decisions that affect children and families; and
- 22 • Community, civic and business resources are made available to strengthen school programs,
23 family practices, and student learning.

Legal References

1. Every Student Succeeds Act, Pub.L. 114-95, Dec. 10, 2015, 129 Stat. 1802; SBOE Policy 4.207; TCA 49-2-305; 20 USCA § 6318
2. TCA 49-6-7001

Cross References

Homeless Students 6.503