



Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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Odyssey Online Learning receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must develop jointly with the parents of children participating in Title I services, a written parent and family engagement policy that describes how the school will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements set forth in The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), section 1116(a)(2). This policy establishes Odyssey Online Learning's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement parent and family engagement activities.

Odyssey Online Learning will do the following:

A. Involve parents and family members in the school's Title I program:

- Hold an annual meeting to assist parents in understanding that their school receives Title I funds, that these funds come with requirements, and that parents and/or guardians have the right to be involved.
- Provide parents timely information about the Title I program by providing email updates as well as discussions held during School Improvement Team meetings.
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I program by providing them with a Google Form link to be able to offer input and recommendations for the plan.
- Involve parents in the joint development of the school-wide program plan by using Zoom meeting opportunities for parental feedback.

B. Implement the following actions to engage parents/families in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy by:

- Develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of a written parent and family engagement policy. The written parent and family engagement policy shall meet these requirements: Written in an understandable format, provided in a language parents can understand, distributed to all parents, and made available to the local community.
- Collect feedback annually to improve the policy's effectiveness in meeting the needs of the students and requirements of the Title I program.
- Provide parents/families access to the information in this Parent and Family Engagement policy through open communication about the policy during parent meetings, such as Annual Title I Planning Meeting, School Improvement Team meetings, and an open door policy in which parents can email or call at anytime they would like to find out more information.
- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy yearly through parent meetings through the Zoom platform.

C. Develop jointly with parents and families a School Parent Compact which describes the following:

- Outline how the parents, school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served to meet the challenging State academic standards.
- The ways in which parents and family members will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and volunteering in their child's school, and positive use of extracurricular time.
- Address the importance of on-going communication between teachers and parents, and family members through; parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents on their child's progress, the provision of reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate/observe in their child's class, and ensure communication is regular, two-way, and meaningful and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.

D. Build the school and parent capacity for strong parent and family involvement through the following:

- Implement effective family engagement activities and involve families in school activities by inviting them to quarterly social outings provided to our student body.
- Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of the school, including identifying barriers to greater participation by families and utilize the findings to design strategies to support successful family interactions and to revise engagement policies.
- Provide assistance to parents in understanding topics such as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with the school and teachers to improve the achievement of their children by utilizing a School Improvement Team, working with Success Coaches and Interventionists, and sending monthly video newsletters with updates.
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement by providing one on one assistance annually and as appropriate to foster parental involvement.
- Educate teachers, personnel, and school leaders on the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to communicate and work with parents as equal partners and build ties between parents and the school by embedding it in bi-weekly staff meetings and quarterly professional development.
- Coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by allowing opportunities for parent feedback, inquiries, and suggestions. Odyssey provides parent opportunities in various platforms, the best platform for utilizing these resources is the OOL Learning Center.
- Provide parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards by providing them with unique login credentials to online curriculum.

E. The school will make accommodations to support parent engagement through the following:

- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a format and language the parents can understand.
- Encourage parent engagement by paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare, or home visit expenses to enable participation in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Provide opportunities for the informed participation of parents and family members who have limited English proficiency, parents and family members with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory children.
- Arrange parent meetings, including parent conferences, at a variety of times and days to maximize parental engagement and program.
- Provide other reasonable support for parent involvement activities parents may request and provide, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and will respond to any such suggestions within 24 hours per our communication guidelines.