



Orangeburg County School District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Orangeburg County School District will be governed by the following definition of Parent and Family Engagement and expects that its Title 1 schools will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the definition in this section.

Parent & Family Engagement is defined as parents and school personnel working together at the classroom, local, and district level to support and improve the learning, development, and health of children and adolescents in coordination with parents playing an integral role in assisting their children's learning and development.

Our Parent & Family Engagement Policy:

- Recognizes parents, family and community members make valuable contributions to the educational process as participants in important school and district decisions.
- Encourages, supports and values the participation and involvement of parents and families in the educational experiences of their children.
- Encourages parents to participate on a school committee that meets three times a year to become members of parent organizations at school and district levels and to serve as volunteers for classrooms, schools, and district wide activities.
- Offers a variety of strategies to support parents by developing family friendly schools, offices, workshops, and parenting classes including special assistance to ensure that non-English speaking parents may participate as full partners in their child's education.
- Commits to developing family friendly schools, offices, and programs that welcome parents and families to positive and supportive environments.

Orangeburg County School District will implement the following actions to engage parents/families in the joint development of its district- wide Parent and Family Engagement Policy by:

- Providing the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools by planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities.
- Improving student academic achievement and school performance, to include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education.
- Holding a parent/family feedback meeting annually for all parents/family members to participate in the analysis of the parent and family engagement policy and to discuss the plan's effectiveness in meeting the needs of the students and requirements of the Title I program.
- Support and participate in volunteer programs
- Sponsor Parent/Student Orientation Night
- Provide family nights on literacy, math, assessments, monitoring child process, science, and state academic standards.

Therefore, at Orangeburg County School District each school served with Title I shall:

- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan under Section 1114(b), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process includes an adequate representation of parents and participating children.
- Have the final draft of the Orangeburg County's School District Parent and Family Engagement Policy uploaded onto the district website.
- Use the findings of the surveys to design strategies for more effective parent and family engagement activities.
- Update the policy as needed in order to meet the various needs of the school and conduct an annual review with all stakeholders.

To provide feedback or get additional information, contact Kimberly Ray, Parent Liaison Coordinator at 803-534-8081 ext 1122. Phone calls to the Orangeburg County District Office (if not answered) are returned within 24 hours.