

## FY'20 Odum Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

### Odum Elementary School

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Odum Elementary parent and family engagement policy is revised and adopted during School Council and all Stakeholders meetings on an annual basis.

### What's Title I?

Odum Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all families a written parent and family engagement policy.

Examples of Title I Parental Engagement funding are:

- Parent and Family Engagement salaries
- Supplies for family workshops
- Translations/Interpreters
- Parent and family correspondence

### Odum Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan



**What is it?** This is a plan that is developed by Odum Elementary School in collaboration with all stakeholders (parents, family and community members and school personnel). The plan identifies ways that families can partner with the school to improve student achievement in a variety of different activities that encourage parent and family engagement in and out of the school.

**How is it developed?** This plan is developed collaboratively with all stakeholders of the Odum Elementary School and community. Parents, families, community members and teachers are given multiple ways to offer suggestions, share ideas by participating in surveys, evaluations and utilizing the suggestion box located in the front of the office area. All feedback will be used annually to revise the plan.

**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 in this plan. Odum Elementary will provide the opportunity for full participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** The plan is posted on our school website, a copy of the plan is in the “Blue Jay’s Nest” (our Resource Center located in the media center), a copy of the School Improvement Plan is available in the office, on the website, and at the Wayne County BOE office for review by families. The plan is disseminated during the Annual Title I meeting, the day after the meeting and to all new enrollees.

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## District Goal

By June 2020, increase the percentage of students scoring at proficient on the Georgia Milestones by 5% and the percentage of students scoring at distinguished by 2% in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

## School Goal/s

**Reading:** We will increase the Lexile level by 5% as measured on the 2019-2020 Georgia Milestone Assessment for all students.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Odum Elementary and our families will develop a school-family compact at the same time as our Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The compact is a voluntary agreement between administrators, students, families, and teachers to help our students meet grade level expectations. The feedback from families, students, teachers, staff and community will be reviewed annually. All signature pages will be kept on file at Odum Elementary in the office. Compacts are discussed and signed during the 1<sup>st</sup> Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) meetings of the year.



## Working Together

### A Partnership between Odum Elementary, Families and the Community

#### Open House - August 2019

Providing students and families the opportunity to meet their teacher prior to the first day of school.

#### Annual Title I Meeting – August/September, 2019

An evening of reviewing and discussing our school's school-wide Title I program.

#### Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Meetings – Continuous

Teachers provide coaching sessions on how to interpret data and parents and families are provided with strategies and tools to support learning at home.

At APTT meetings goals are set for academic growth for their child.

#### Volunteer Program, Volunteer Orientation and Volunteer Appreciation – Continuous

\*Educate volunteers on how they can help teachers and school staff

\*Participate in orientation on expectations and confidentiality

\*Join in celebrating parent and family engagement and the impact their involvement has on school and student success

#### All Pro Dads – Ongoing

Dads, grandfathers, guardians or other influential male relatives are invited to a breakfast coaching session with their child/children to encourage character building beginning in October 2020 and continuing throughout the school year.

#### School Council/Stakeholders' Meetings – Ongoing

All families are encouraged to attend the School Council meetings. OES embraces the involvement of parents and community in decision-making.

#### PTO-Parent Teacher Organization – Ongoing

This organization encourages parents and families to participate in a variety of different activities throughout the year. This organization raises funds that are given to the school to enhance the school environment. Incorporate fun and educational activities into PTO sponsored activities. (<https://www.facebook.com/oes.pto.37?fref=ts>)

#### The Title I Resource Center at Odum Elementary, “The Blue Jay’s Nest” – Ongoing

Families and teachers have access to our resource center that contains instructional materials to reinforce and improve learning skills.

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Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of families in regular, two-way activities that allow for meaningful communication involving academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- that parents and guardians play an integral role in assisting in their child's learning
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision – making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child and all students
- the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in this plan

Odum Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with translations or other circumstances in order to participate in our programs. We will accommodate your family's need to the extent feasible.

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### Promoting and Supporting Parent and Family Engagement

*Families and teachers have the opportunity to offer suggestions and ideas for the school programs during meetings, suggestion box in front office and through personal contact with administrators and teachers. Meetings will be conducted at a variety of times to accommodate as many families as possible.*

*Ensure and educate families on how to utilize the student portal on the system data base program, Infinite Campus.*

*Ensure that families are invited to conferences and meetings throughout the year.*

*Ensure that family meetings and information related to school and family engagement activities are published in both English and Spanish and are publicized through our local newspaper, radio, television station, school website, through announcements sent home to parents, through technology as well as through our school's message system.*

*Ensure that all staff participates in professional development focused on engaging families in their child's education by communicating.*

*Ask, listen and respond to families' requests for additional support regarding family involvement activities.*

*Provide materials for families at conferences and APTT meetings to help improve their child's academic success.*

*Partner with Pre-Kindergarten and MPMS to share school information and activities that will improve school transition for families and students.*

*PTO Facebook page will be kept up to date to keep families, business groups and community groups informed of school activities.*

*Ensure that families understand the Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law. O.C.G.A. 20-2-690*

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#### Parent Involvement Standards

Odum Elementary our parents and community have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as a model for engaging and involving parents, students, and the community. These standards are-

1. Welcoming Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

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**ODUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL INVITES FAMILIES TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE IDEAS REGARDING PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES. EACH YEAR WE WELCOME PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO INVOLVE PARENTS TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE SCHOOL, FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY. OUR SCHOOL PLANS ARE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE REVIEWED AND REVISED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. ALL STAKEHOLDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS.**



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### Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the schools' goal for achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided below and leave this form in the front office or place in the suggestion box.

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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