

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Orange County Public Schools believes with the support of **families** and the **community**, we create enriching and diverse pathways that lead our **students** to success.

OCPS COMMITS TO:

- Developing and sustaining collaborative relationships among the district, schools, families and community
- Providing technical assistance and resources to support schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement opportunities
- Complying with Title I, Part A requirements regarding the establishment of a parent and family engagement plan according to Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

How is this plan created?

Families, community members and district staff work together

Families and Community

Families and community members are invited to participate in the input process through ConnectEd, social media, flyers, newsletters and emails.

Surveys are completed in March to evaluate the effectiveness of the district/ school Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) and activities.

District

Feedback is provided by the Parent Engagement District Advisory Council (PEDAC). This council is comprised of families and community members. The PFEP guides family engagement strategies across the district.



OCPS BELIEVES IN ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO:

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be informed

- Utilize digital tools to stay connected to schools: parents.classlink.com/ocps
- Access school- based family engagement resource centers, parent opportunities and community resources

be involved

- Develop partnerships with schools and community-based organizations by volunteering
- Attend family engagement opportunities
- Participate in OCPS Parent Academy, Virtual Academy and Engage 360: Learn Where you Live events

be a voice

- Attend PTA/PTO, SAC, MPLC and/or Title I annual meetings
- Participate in the Parent Engagement District Advisory Council (PEDAC)

be connected

- Collaborate with parents and community to provide opportunities for all students
- Partner with Engagement Liaisons to co-host family workshops
- Welcome parent teacher home visits
- Engage in conversation through social media

OCPS Supports Schools

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- Facilitating professional learning to school staff through Title I Modules on best practices in family engagement
- Providing coaching and support to Engagement Liaisons
- Coordinating with other departments to integrate parent and family engagement strategies
- Distributing communication in multiple languages
- Providing accessible communication to all families

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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