

PARENT NOTIFICATIONS

As required by Every Student Succeeds Act, the following information is to be shared annually with parents. The distribution of this document shall serve as a formal notification to parents regarding the following issues:

Right to Request Information

Each parent of a student in a Title I school has the right to request information about the professional qualifications of the student's teacher(s) and any teacher assistants who serve the student. This information will be provided by the administrative office at the child's school upon request. This notice will also be provided by the school to all parents.

Parent Notification Regarding Non-Highly Qualified Teachers

Every Student Succeeds Act (federal education law) requires the district to notify the parent when a teacher, who is not highly qualified, teaches your child for four consecutive weeks. If this occurs, your child's school will send home a letter giving you information regarding your child's teacher.

Florida Department of Education Family & Community Outreach

The mission of the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach is to empower families and communities with resources and information needed to promote a high quality education for their children. The Bureau reaches out to serve Florida's diverse families and communities in a number of ways, including the Just for Parents online community.

We encourage you to participate in our online community and hope you will share this resource with your family and friends.

<http://www.fldoe.org/family/>

Osceola Middle School



2017-2018 Osceola Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Family Engagement Mission Statement

"Osceola Middle School will unite teachers, parents, and Okeechobee community stake-holders to better serve our students' middle school educational experience."

For your convenience, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is available in its entirety at the front office and on our website at:

<http://osceolamiddleschool.sites.thedigitalbell.com/>



Osceola Middle School Parent & Family Engagement Plan Summary

In an effort to increase the academic achievement of students, all schools in the District that receive Title I, Part A funding must, involve parents and family members in jointly developing the district plan under section 1112 and developing support and improvement plans under section 1111(d). This plan outlines the steps that the school will take to involve parents in a meaningful way in the education of their child(ren). The plan outlines the various components of Family Engagement, including: (1) how the school will coordinate with other federal programs, (2) the various family engagement meetings it will hold, (3) how it will build the capacity for strong family engagement, and (4) how it will communicate with parents.

Involving Parents

The school will make automated phone calls when necessary to inform parents of the events that are taking place at the school. The school will also use the Remind application to inform subscribed parents of upcoming events. In addition to calling home and using Remind, we will send home a monthly Warrior newsletter, which will have all the information parents will need to be involved. The Family Engagement Committee is responsible for hosting at least four events throughout the school year. The Committee will hold two planning meetings prior to each event held. Two weeks prior to the planning meeting, notices will be sent home to invite parents to participate in our

Parent Meetings

Meeting will be held no sooner than 6:00pm so parents who have conflicting schedules will be able to attend the meetings. If some parents request morning meetings, then the school will be able to consider that as a possibility. We will also ensure that all the parents who have given their e-mail addresses to the Family Engagement Committee will receive all the notes from the meetings.

Supporting Partnerships

Osceola Middle School will build the capacity for strong Family Engagement by providing access to an open computer lab at the school at least one time per week. Parents are invited to come and use the lab to check Skyward, support academic programs such as i-Ready, or use the computers for personal use. Other parent involvement activities will include academic nights focusing on Reading, Science & Science Fair, and student test scores and standardized tests.

Other Activities

Osceola Middle School will provide parents with information on student achievement, discipline data, and school budgets through PTO and SAC meetings.

Professional Development for School Staff

The school will provide the following training in the area of Family Engagement to its staff:

- Using effective communication during parent conferences
- Involving parents to reduce absenteeism
- Culturally responsive teacher training using AVID strategies
- Collaborating with parents



Communication

Osceola Middle School will communicate with parents through a variety of techniques. Newsletters will be sent home in both English and Spanish as well as posted on the school website. The school will send out at least one automated phone call and newsletter a month to inform parents of upcoming events. We will also use the Remind application to inform parents of upcoming meetings/events. After each event parents will complete a survey online to give the school feedback and to make any requests or give any suggestions (these surveys will be given on campus after/ during the parent workshop). Information will be provided to parents by newsletter, website, Facebook, and recorded phone calls made via Blackboard Connect. Newsletters and/or Blackboard Connect will be used to provide timely information to parents. The school will monitor that the information was provided through end-of-year climate surveys and parent feedback.

Full Participation in all School Activities

Osceola Middle School will provide opportunities for parental participation through many methods. A member of the Family Engagement Committee is bi-lingual; she will translate as needed during the meetings. All parents will be receiving e-mails/letters and phone calls regarding all events and meetings dates. All information will be translated into an understandable language for the parent. In the event that a parent with disabilities needs additional assistance, those services will be available at the school upon request.

Fall Family Engagement Dates:
Annual Title I Review Meeting
October 3, 2017