

School Parental Involvement Plan Revised January 2012

A major goal of the Oran R III School District is to encourage parents to become more involved in the education of their children in partnership with the school district and the Title I Program. Our district recognizes that greater parental involvement in a child's academic career is critical to achieving high quality education.

STRATEGIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Prior to the start of the academic year, an informational letter will be sent home introducing our participation in the Title I program. The teachers and administrators will hold a yearly Back to School Open House for all parents and students. During Open , we will promote and explain the Schoolwide Title I program. At this time, the Title I program requirements and the parent's right to involvement will be addressed and explained. During this meeting, the importance of parental involvement will be stressed to all parents. The Title I Schoolwide Program can not be truly effective or successful without parental involvement and a strong, working parental involvement policy in place. The School-Parent-Student compact will also be explained and distributed at this time. A phone call and home visit will be used to get any unreturned compacts signed and to ensure that 100% of our parents and students understand the program.

The Oran R III School District recognizes that many parents work and have other children in their homes. Title I funds may be used to offer services to better support parents as these services relate to Title I parental involvement. We offer various meeting times and, when necessary, we may conduct home visits to fit the needs of our parents.

Parents will have the opportunity to be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, including the school parental involvement plan and the development of the Schoolwide Plan. Parents may request to meet with teachers to participate, when appropriate, in the decisions pertaining to their children's education. Our district will respond to these suggestions made by parents in a timely manner. The needs assessment committee will work in close proximity to look at student performance data, as well as information gathered from staff, administrators, parents, community, and students through surveys, checklists and focus groups. The needs assessment committee will make decisions on the parental involvement plan and the development of the Schoolwide Plan. The committee consists of administrators, teachers, Title I professionals, community members and parents, creating a wide spectrum of representation from the school and community.

Title I guidelines for parental involvement includes providing parents with timely information about Title I programs. At Oran, we also hold a yearly Open House to explain the program to all Title I parents and students. During this meeting, we will promote and explain the Schoolwide Title I program. Information about Title I and information pertaining to student activities will be conveyed in a timely manner to

parents in the form of notes, newsletters, phone calls and parent-teacher meetings. Flexibility in parent-teacher meeting times is essential to meet all the parents' needs.

Parents receive explanation of the curriculum in use at Oran, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. These topics are addressed during the Parent Teacher Conferences. Curriculum, assessment and proficiency levels are addressed in conjunction with an annual performance report to better pinpoint problem areas. During Open House, each teacher will distribute a packet of syllabi, curriculum, explanation of assessments that will be used and in-depth explanation of proficiency levels expected of our students. Teachers and administrators are on hand to answer any additional questions.

Parents have the opportunity to request regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, when appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children. Oran maintains an open door policy in regards to scheduling meeting times to listen to suggestions about the Title I program. In addition, all suggestions and requests made regarding the Title I program are addressed and promptly responded to.

Oran R III School District also provides informational meetings/workshops for parents and families on various topics of interest during the academic year. Workshop topics may include reading proficiency, phonics, kindergarten readiness and math facts. Opportunities and programs like this help provide parents and families with the correct tools needed to support their child's education. We will include comments from parents of participating children in each year's revised Parental Involvement Plan. Feedback and comments will be utilized to revise and reanalyze the Parental Involvement Plan yearly.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

See school-parent-student compact.

School-Parent-Student Compacts will be revised annually and re-issued to outline how parents, the entire school staff and students will share responsibility for improving student achievement. The compact will also describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the Missouri GLE's.

The School-Parent-Student Compact will be determined by conducting a needs assessment survey during the year on the issue of education and parental concerns to better understand the needs of our parents and students. Our involvement policy and School-Parent-Student compact will be revised yearly on the new information gathered.

The School-Parent-Student Compact describes the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. In addition, the compact outlines the parental responsibility in their child's academic success including attendance, homework, positive learning environment at

home, and parental involvement in school activities. Communication between parents and teachers is also addressed in the parent-student compact, including parent reports, meetings, conferences and openness to suggestions.

The teachers and administrators will hold a yearly Open House for all parents and students. The Open House will promote and explain the schoolwide Title I program and the parent-student compact will be explained and distributed. Phone calls and home visits will be used to insure that 100% of our parents and students understand the program. The parent-student compact will be determined by conducting a needs assessment survey during the year on the issue of education and parental concerns to better understand the needs of our parents and students. Our involvement policy and parent-school compact will be revised yearly on the new information gathered.

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The Oran R-III School District will hold informative meetings as needed pertaining to Grade Level Expectations (GLEs), Common Core Standards, Show Me Standards, MAP test and other assessments the school uses. We will also provide Family Reading Nights where qualified teachers and librarians will be in attendance to help students and parents. We will also have a small resource center with books, pamphlets, tapes, CD's and reading aides to help parents help their child. We will hand out a list of available resources at the Back to School Open House. We have two parent teacher conferences a year and midterm grades will be sent home to help parents monitor their child's progress. Teachers will be available to explain grades and progress.

Our teachers will provide information about activities in their rooms and ways parents can monitor and improve student performance. We will communicate with parents on a daily basis with STAR binders. STAR binders will inform parents on behavior as well as AR goals set and progress made towards those goals. We will also provide parents with weekly classroom newsletters giving parents information about what will be going on in the classroom throughout the next week. We will also offer informational meeting/workshops for parents and families on various topics of interest during the academic year. Topics will be determined by the data collected on the yearly parent-involvement survey. They may include technology, reading proficiency, phonics and math facts. Opportunities and programs like this help provide parents and families with the correct tools needed to support their child's education. We will also provide two newsletters. One will pertain to the whole school. This will be available online quarterly. This newsletter will contain information on what is going on in school. The other will be sent home monthly and will contain more ideas on helping their child succeed in school.

Parent contributions are valued at Oran and our teachers stress the importance of communicating and working with parents as equal partners. Increased parental involvement creates ties and balance between home and school. All school personnel are educated during faculty meetings in ways to increase parental involvement such as positive phone calls home and personalized notes home.

The Title I parent involvement plan will be actively used and will collaborate with other programs including Parents as Teachers, local day cares, preschools and the regional Head Start. We will notify all local organizations of all programs conducted in our school. This will broaden the demographic reached and create a greater impact from our parental involvement programs.

We will ensure all Title I information and assessment will be presented to parents in a language and format parents can understand. Information dealing with programs will be communicated to parents through letters, flyers, notes, calendars, newsletters, and the school website with linked resources.

At the time of Kindergarten screening, parents are provided with resources and information on ways to prepare their children for the upcoming academic year. Information on child development and child rearing issues will be handed out at the Kindergarten meeting. Our Kindergarten will offer regular preschool meetings on the skills parents can help their children develop before kindergarten. We will accomplish this in our Ready Set Kindergarten Programs.