

Parental Involvement Plan Ohatchee Elementary School

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Ohatchee Elementary School shall provide the following provisions:

-OES shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. Our district provides materials and training at the make-and-take workshops and other resources at the Board of Education Resource Room that help parents improve their child's academic achievement. Parents are welcome to make appointments with the Interventionist, teachers, and special education teachers to discuss their child's progress.

-OES shall educate teachers, office personnel, and other school staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. Our school utilizes our website, Facebook, and the Blackboard integrated notification system to ensure parents are notified about upcoming events. Parents are also given Home Portal passwords each year for Powerschool, which gives them access to their child's current grades. Teachers use newsletters, Remind, and/or Facebook Groups to communicate with parents.

-OES shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other federal programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children. Our school system has a staffed resource center that is open daily. It is the intention of the resource center to allow parent participation in the educational process. Parents are also given Home Portal passwords from Powerschool each year which gives them access to their child's current grades. Renaissance Home Connect provides parents with information on their child's progress in Accelerated Reader and their latest STAR Assessments. Our district website has a parent resource tab that includes a monthly parent newsletter.

-OES shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Ohatchee Elementary encourages parents to become equal partners in the education of their children. On our report cards/ progress reports, state testing data, and our PST reports, parents are encouraged to contact the school/ teacher if they have any questions. We also hold a Title I meeting at the beginning of the year for parents and a survey is sent home during the Spring.

-OES shall ensure the provision for participation of parents and family members, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand. Translation tools include our ESL teacher, TransAct, and/ or Google Translate to communicate with our ESL families. Our school will have copies of the Student Code of Conduct, Parent-Teacher Compacts, and Home Language Survey & Migrant Worker survey printed in Spanish for those ESL parents. Parents have access to Renaissance, so they can access their child's progress from home in Spanish. Parents have access to their child's grade, discipline, and attendance through PowerSchool parent portal.

-OES shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request to offer opportunity for family engagement.