

Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021-22 School Year

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What is Title I?

Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy will Provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



How is it revised?

Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy welcomes parent and family input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), as well as the CLIP (Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan), the SIP/SWP (School Improvement Plan/School-Wide Plan), Staff Capacity, and the Teacher-Parent-Student Compact. All feedback will be considered to revise these documents for next year to meet the changing needs of the school. The documents are posted on our school website for families to view throughout the year. We distribute an annual survey online and a hard copy to ask parents and families for their suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our planning meeting held in the spring each year.

Who is it for?

Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy operates a school-wide Title I program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy will provide equal opportunity for the participation of all parents and families, including but not limited to parents for whom English is a second language, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The school level Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) will be posted on the school website at <https://www.cherokeek12.net/oakgroves/>. Hard copies will be distributed to all Oak Grove students. Notice will be given in the Oak Grove school newsletter and a link will be placed on Oak Grove's Facebook page. Hard copies will also be available in the office and in the Family Resource Center for parents and families to read when they visit the school.

2021-22 District Goals

Decrease the number of students scoring at level 1 and/or 2 by 3% on the Georgia Milestones ELA Science, and Social Studies EOG/EOC assessment by the end of 2021-22 school year.

2021-22 School Goals

Increase student achievement in ELA Content Mastery (levels 2, 3, and 4) on the Georgia Milestones Assessments for grades 3, 4 and 5 by 2% each year for the next three years (from 59% to 61% to 63% to 65%, starting with the 2021 – 22 school year).

Increase student achievement in Math Content Mastery (levels 2, 3, and 4) on the Georgia Milestones Assessments for grades 3, 4, and 5 by 2% each year for the next three years (from 73% to 77% to 79% to 81%, starting with the 2021 – 22 school year).



SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy and our families will jointly develop a Teacher-Parent-Student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Parents will review the compact at the spring Title I planning meeting, the School Council will review the compact at their regular May meeting, and parents and families will be invited to provide feedback at any time during the school year.

Let's Get Together!

Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement and to support a partnership among the school, parents, families, and the community, to improve student academic achievement:



- **Meet & Greet – July 29, 2021**
Come meet your child's teacher and learn about the many ways Oak Grove ES communicates to parents, tour Parent Resource Room, and get Canvas Training.
- **Title I Annual Meeting and Volunteer Training - August 23, 2021 9:00 AM via TEAMS**
We invite you to learn more about our Title I program including Federal funds for your child, our parent/and family engagement plan, the school wide plan, teacher-parent-student compact, and parents' rights. We will also provide training for volunteers. We want you involved!
- **Virtual Curriculum Night – August 31, 7:00 PM**
Learn what your child will learn this school year and the many available resources.
- **Student-led Conferences – August 31, 2021, January 10, 2022, and May 17, 2022**
Your student(s) will share their academic progress from the beginning to the end of the year with you.
- **ESOL and Family Evening – Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6 PM**
Learn about ways you can support your student's learning at home. Also, learn about the ESOL program and your child's progress as an English Language Learner and Copyright Piracy. We will enjoy special presentation by some of our students.
- **Literacy Night – March 1, 2022 at 6 PM**
Learn ways you can support your student's learning and reading at home.
- **Family STEAM Night – February 10, 2022 at 6 PM**
Parents and family members will enjoy hands-on activities together.
- **Kindergarten Transition Parent Meeting – Spring 2022**
Learn everything you need to know to have a smooth transition into Kindergarten
- **6th Grade Transition Meeting for 5th Grade Parents – Spring 2022**
Learn everything you need to know to have a smooth transition to E.T. Booth Middle School.
- **Student Art Sale – May 3, 2022 at 6 PM**
Parents and family members will enjoy seeing their student-created and framed artwork.
- **Title I Document Revision Meeting – May 17, 2022**
We will review and discuss with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compacts, Staff Capacity, and the family engagement budget.

Additional trainings will be offered at various times throughout the year based off parent, student, and school needs.

Family Resource Center

Visit the Family Resource Center to get books, study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore Canvas, educational resources, etc.

Monday – Friday, by appointment only

Email Ana.Mirsajedin@cherokeek12.net

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Oak Grove Elementary believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
- That parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school; and
- That parents and families 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.

Oak Grove Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the activities listed in this plan. If you need assistance, please contact

Ana Mirsajedin, Parent Engagement Facilitator,
Penny Valle, Principal, or
Ashley Polito, Assistant Principal
770-721-8550, or email us at

Ashley.polito@cherokeek12.net



Oak Grove Elementary STEAM Academy is Branching Out!

Oak Grove Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.



We will –

- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through school and classroom newsletters, flyers, school website and Facebook page, and signage on campus.
- ✓ Host an annual Title I meeting to allow all parents and families to learn more about Title I
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish at Curriculum Night meetings in August, at parent and family events and workshops, at parent-teacher conferences, and on our school website to help parents and families understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents and families can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents and families at conferences, meetings, and school events to help parents and families work with their child to improve achievement.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents and families.
- ✓ Provide information for parents and families on individual student assessment results and the interpretation of those results with report cards and at parent-teacher conferences.
- ✓ Partner with early education programs to invite families and preschool children to take a tour and share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents and families.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

Oak Grove Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child



School Council

The School Council of Oak Grove Elementary School is made up of parents, school personnel, and representatives of community partners. The Council meets at least four times a year to keep parents and families informed of school matters and to build partnerships between school, families, and the community. Any parent interested in being a member of the School Council is invited to contact Ms. Valle by calling or visiting the school or by email at

penny.valle@cherokeek12.net.

School Council meetings are *open meetings*; all parents are welcome to attend.

School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join Oak Grove Elementary PTA
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the School's PTA
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of the Schoolwide Plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in writing, cut and attach this form, and leave them at the main office. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at all activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and by email to Ana Mirsajedin, Parent Engagement Facilitator ana.mirsajedin@cherokeek12.net We will share them via e-mail with Lynda Wallace, Supervisor, Federal Programs.

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

****At any time if you feel it is necessary to meet with your student's teacher, we will be glad to arrange a meeting in person or virtually via TEAMS.***