

Oak Grove Lower Elementary Parental Involvement Plan 2011-12

The Lamar County School District's mission describes a learning community with a membership that includes exemplary staff, nurturing families, and a vibrant diverse community. The goal of Oak Grove Lower Elementary is to assure that community members, parents, and the school work together to ensure each student is successful and productive as a citizen in today's world. Oak Grove Lower Elementary affirms and assures the opportunity for the public, parents, and teachers to participate in the design and implementation of its educational programs.

To encourage public input, Oak Grove Lower Elementary includes the following strategies:

1. Parent/guardian meetings (Fall and Spring Parent Pow Wow Nights) to provide information regarding student services, programs, and progress.
2. Timely response to recommendations made by the public if it involves a change in school policy.
3. Input through surveys completed at Fall and Spring Parent Pow Wow Nights and public meetings.
4. Informational programs at Fall and Spring Parent Pow Wow Nights, parent teacher conferences, school website, quarterly newsletters, and PTO meetings to explain the various educational programs.
5. Parent notice regarding their child's participation in additional instructional programs.
6. Parental assistance for promoting education of their child at home through schoolnotes.com teacher webpages, Accelerated Reader, and Active Parent.
7. Oak Grove Lower Elementary's written parental involvement policy will be included in enrollment packet.
8. A school performance profile informing parents about the state benchmarks for second and third grades, the Mississippi Curriculum Test (MCT) and the National Education Goals will be provided to parents through the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Report Card and School Report Card.
9. A school-parent-student compact setting out respective responsibilities of the children, the school, and the parents regarding their child's education.
10. Opportunity for parents/guardians and teachers to provide input regarding program implementation through email, schoolnotes.com webpages, a school suggestion box, student planners, and published school board meeting dates and decisions.

Oak Grove Lower Elementary's specific strategies include the following:

1. Contact parents of Title I ECIA eligible students by letter stating the child's need for additional help in reading and language arts.

2. Report progress of the student's achievement to parents on a regular basis through quarterly report cards, progress reports, weekly signed papers, Active Parent, and Fast ForWord and Accelerated Reader progress reports.
3. Schedule conferences between parents and teachers as necessary. Required conferences are scheduled in the fall after the first nine week reporting period.
4. Establish a Building Bridges parent advisory council.
5. Solicit parents' suggestions relating to the planning, development, and operation of the programs through Parent Pow Wow surveys and school suggestion box.
6. Conduct an annual meeting of parents of eligible students. (STARS Open House and Fall and Spring parent Pow Wow Nights)

In accordance with the Lamar County School District Board of Education belief that parental involvement is vital to the success of the school system, the district and school's Title I program will include, but not be limited to, the following components:

1. Jointly develop with, and distribute to parents a written parental involvement policy, agreed upon by the parents. The Parental Involvement Policy will be included in enrollment packets and have a section for parents to provide suggestions/comments on the policy.
2. Schedule an annual public meeting (Parent Pow Wow Night) at Oak Grove Lower Elementary. All parents will be invited. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss with parents the programs and activities carried out with Title I funds, inform parents of their right to consult in the design and implementation of the project, solicit parental input, and provide parents an opportunity to establish mechanisms for maintaining on-going communication.
3. Notify parents that their child has been selected to participate in Title I programs such as STARS, Texas Scottish Rite, Fast ForWord and our tutoring programs.
4. Schedule conferences between individual parents and teachers to discuss student's progress.
5. Assist parents in promoting the education of their children at home through planners, Accelerated Reader, Active Parent, and tutoring opportunities.
6. Provide parents with a school performance profile to inform them about the state benchmarks and Mississippi Curriculum Test, and inform them about the National Education Goals through No Child Left Behind. All information will be kept on file in the Oak Grove Lower Elementary office for parents to view information.
7. Develop a school-parent compact, setting out the respective responsibilities of the children, the school, and the parents regarding their child's education. Compacts will be signed by all stakeholders in August of each year.

We always welcome suggestions on how we can improve our learning community. If you have suggestions for our Parental Involvement Plan, please submit them in writing to the Oak Grove Lower Elementary office.