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## Title I Engagement Policy

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of Oscar Dean Wyatt High School parent and family engagement policy is to create a positive learning environment that is supportive and collaborative for all students, parents, and the community. Therefore, parental engagement activities are scheduled throughout the school year to foster this collaboration. Many of these activities will focus on the improvement of student achievement socially and academically. As a result, learning strategies will be shared with parents in order to improve student achievement and address the needs of all students.

### **Developing the Policy**

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is developed and reviewed annually by the Site Based Decision Making Team (SBDM). This team consists of a group of parents and campus staff that meet to plan, implement, and review the policy. Meetings are conducted on the school campus at a convenient time for parents.

### **Annual Meeting**

In order to ensure parent participation during the annual meeting, this meeting will be conducted as a part of the school's Open House at the beginning of the year. School fliers will be sent home two weeks prior to this meeting. During this meeting, school test data, parental and family engagement activities, school curriculum and school procedures will be shared. In addition, families will be given an opportunity to make suggestions regarding improving participation in parental and family activities. Opportunities for electronic and/or paper meetings will also be available.

### **School-Parent Compact**

A School-Parent Compact for each student will be issued during the Homeroom periods and/or during beginning of school year Parent Activities. The campus administrators/staff will explain the compact to the parents/students and request the parents' and students' signature during the meetings. New students will receive the Compact during enrollment, as it will be added to the enrollment requirement. All compacts will be maintained in the office files during the school year. A copy of the Parent Compact will be available on the campus website.

### **Programs and the School Community**

During each parental and family engagement activity, surveys will be issued to the parents to determine the overall effectiveness of the activity. Parents will also be given an opportunity to place their suggestion in writing. The analysis of these surveys and written suggestions will assist the parent committee in planning future activities.

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### **Staff-Parent Communication**

Parental and family communication will be documented via parental and communications logs. Parents will be consistently notified regarding their child's progress at school. Students who display a lack of academic progress or behavior concerns will be notified more frequently. Information regarding special scheduled conference or events will be delivered by blackboard usage, website, social media, email, and flyers. In addition, teachers will return parent phone calls or process parent information requests in a timely manner.

### **Evaluation**

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### **Funding**

All Title I schools are allocated funding to support parental and family engagement activities. Funds can be used in any way that is allowable under EDGAR regulations, to support activities at the schools. Activities should be guided by addressing identified needs in the campus needs assessment. To learn strategies to address needs identified in comprehensive needs assessment or to identify needs the campuses can refer to Family Communications Departments. To align identified strategies with EDGAR, the Federal Programs Department is available for assistance. Resources on allowable activities can be found in the Grants and Development Website under Federal Programs.

To learn more about allowable costs under Title I, please refer to the "Allowable and Non-Allowable Title I Expenditures" resource that can be located in the Grants and Development Website, under Federal Programs.