

Title I/LAP Parent Family Engagement

“Excellence in education is the commitment of the Odessa School District.” According to our vision statement, “The Odessa School District, in partnership with parents and community, will provide each student with a diverse education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline, perseverance, and excellence in learning.”

To this end, as a Title I School, we are required to increase the amount of parent and community involvement and build partnerships with parents to increase student achievement.

In our district, students in grades TK-5 are served by primarily by LAP, the Learning Assistance Program, and grades 6-12 are served primarily by Title I. A collaborative effort exists between these two services to maximize the number of students served and to provide the best possible support.

The following are ways that the Odessa School District includes our parents/community in the educational process:

- Parent/teacher conferences are traditionally held for grades K-12 in November.
- Student led conferences are in April.
- K-4 students are on a trimester (60 days each) at which time grades are sent home.
- 5-12 students receive mid-term and quarterly grades. Weekly grade reports are sent to parents of students who have warnings or have failing grades.
- An Open House is held in October for all grade levels.
- ELA, Math, and Science Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- Local AIMSweb and STAR benchmark assessments results are shared with parents throughout the year.
- Grade level and subject specific syllabi are in the high school office and available for parents to peruse.
- The staff reviews its *Positive Behavior Intervention Supports* plan annually. Students of concern (behavioral and/or academic) are on the agenda for discussion at monthly staff meetings.
- The *Odessa Parent Teacher Organization* supports school activities and projects.
- Community Involvement supports achievement – Friends of the Pool, Friends of the Library.
- Summer Library Program with emphasis on science, literature, and art.
- Community and parent volunteers are utilized at all grade levels.
- Technology Nights
- Family nights include: science family events, math game nights, and reading celebrations.
- Training resources for families include: informational brochures, SBA & Common Core trainings.
- Individual licenses for online educational programs are available for home and school use.
- Study skills & home work “Communication Folders” are sent home nightly.
- Parents are invited to attend meetings or participate in surveys to solicit their ideas on which services to continue and to offer suggestions for improving the plan.

The district website provides links to the following:

- Federal Citizen Complaint Procedure in regards to Title I-A programs
- Research/evidence-based intervention programs and strategies
- Parent compact (also in student handbook)
- Parent Family Engagement Policy and Procedure
- Title I-A Brochure

Home-Based Instruction

A parent who intends to cause his/her child or children to receive home-based instruction in lieu of attendance or enrollment in a public school, approved private school or an extension program of an approved school, must file an annual declaration of intent. Forms are available in the elementary office.

Paraprofessional Qualifications

Parents may ask about paraprofessionals working with their child in reading, writing, and/or mathematics. The district can tell parents whether their child receives help from a paraprofessional and whether he/she meets state qualifications and/or licensing requirements.

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