



Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School

4857 Charleston Highway
Rowesville, SC 29133

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five 2018-2019 Parent Engagement/Involvement Policy

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five encourages, supports and values engagement/involvement of parents and families in the educational experience of their children. The district recognizes that the parents are the child's first teacher and acknowledges the impact that parents have on a child's academic success. The district commits to developing family-friendly schools, offices and programs that welcome and serve parents and families in a positive and supportive environment.

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five adheres to the mandates set forth by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/Every Child Succeed Act, Title I.

Involve parents with joint development of the district plan and in the process of school review and improvement.

- Collaborate with community stakeholders at all levels of district and school strategic planning through School Improvement Councils, Title I planning committees, PTO, etc. in the development of goals.
- Schoolwide planning teams review the school wide plans and provide input into revisions, additions, and deletions for activities and budget.
- Findings from the school's needs assessment will be utilized.
- Present Title I program/activities and requirements of Title I at parent meetings.
- Schoolwide plans are also presented to parents at an annual meeting each year.

Provide coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent engagement/involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

- Parents are involved in the decisions regarding how funds are allotted for parental engagement/involvement activities.
- No more than 1% of the Title I allocation will be reserved for parent engagement/involvement activities including family literacy and parenting skills.
- Provide training to school staff, administration, and parents to strengthen parent engagement/involvement efforts by reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners.
- The Title I program will provide coordination for effective parent engagement/involvement through the school's School Improvement Council.

Build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental engagement/involvement.

- Involve parents in the planning of the Title I plan.
- Provide parent conference opportunities throughout the school year.
- Family nights are offered and provide information on literacy, math, assessments, monitoring their child's progress, science, and the state's academic standards.
- Volunteer programs are supported in schools.
- Parents are invited to observe in classrooms.
- Provide a Parent/Student Orientation Night at the beginning of school year.

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