

**Osceola School District  
Parental Involvement Policy  
2016-2017**

The Osceola School District understands the importance of involving parents and the community as a whole in promoting higher student achievement and general good will between the district and those it serves. Therefore, the district shall strive to develop and maintain the capacity for meaningful and productive parental and community involvement that will result in partnerships that are mutually beneficial to the school, students, parents, and the community. To achieve such ends, the district shall work to

1. Involve parents and community representatives to have input in the review of the Parental Involvement Plan that includes programs and practices that enhance parental involvement and reflect the needs of students and their families. The Plan will be included in the District Handbook given to parents at Open House. It will also be posted on the District website.
2. Give the schools in the district the support necessary to enable them to plan and implement effective parental involvement activities by providing training from the district parent coordinator on how to plan activities that parents can participate in with their children while learning tips on how to help their children at home. The parent facilitators in each school will assist staff in planning effective Parental Involvement Meetings that focus on Literacy, Math, conducting productive Parent/Teacher Conferences and encouraging healthy eating and wellness in the home.
3. Have a coordinated involvement program where the involvement activities of the district enhance the involvement strategies of other programs such as Head Start and Focus. Students from Head Start and Focus will be invited to take a tour of the Kindergarten Center, visit classrooms, and meet teachers to prepare for a smooth transition into Kindergarten. Parent Information Tips will be shared with the Head Start Center and Focus so they can distribute them to their parents. Kim Reece, District Parent Coordinator, will be responsible for providing the tips.
4. Provide information to parents about national, state, and local educational goals and how they relate to the Common Core Standards. Also provide parents with suggestions on ways they can work with the district to improve their child's academic achievement. A copy of parent's rights will be included in the Parent Information Packet given at Open House. More information pertaining to this will be disseminated to parents and community members at Family Involvement Meeting Nights. Kim Reece, District Parent Coordinator, will be responsible for this.
5. Provide parents with the materials and training they need to be better able to help their child be successful. The district will allow all parents to use the District-wide Parent Resource Center located on the North Elementary Campus and visit each school's Library to receive parenting information that is available on the Parent Shelf. Parental training in Literacy, Math, and Technology will be provided by individual schools during activities throughout the school year. Each school's Parent Facilitator will be responsible for this: Kim Howard (North Elementary), Janice Jarvis (Carroll Smith Elementary), Katie Stokes (STEM Academy), and Cyndy Henderson (Osceola High School).

6. Educate district staff, with the assistance of parents, in ways to work and communicate with parents and to know how to implement parent involvement programs that will promote positive partnerships between the school and parents. This will be achieved during professional development workshops.
7. Keep parents informed about parental involvement programs, meetings, and other activities they could be involved in. Such communication shall be, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Parents will receive the information in the form of school newsletters, newspaper announcements, district website posts, and in Parent Information Packets given at school Open Houses. District Parent Coordinator, Kim Reece, will ensure that ESL Parents understand the information sent to them by contacting her @ 563-1155.
8. Survey parents annually that will include questions to identify barriers that keep them from being involved in their child's education as well as questions relating to the effectiveness of school communication and school climate. Parent Facilitators, Kim Howard (North Elementary), Janice Jarvis (CSE), Katie Stokes (STEM Academy), and Cyndy Henderson (OHS) will conduct the survey and collect the results.
9. Offer Parent meetings at a variety of times in order to accommodate all parents. The meetings will be conducted in a way that all parents will feel welcomed into the schools.
10. Find and modify other successful parent and community involvement programs to suit the needs of the district. This will be achieved by sending parent facilitators to workshops, conferences, and any technical assistance meetings that appear to be beneficial; and also sending the District Parent Coordinator to the State Parental Involvement Conference each year.
11. Train parents to enhance and promote the involvement of other parents. The District Parent Coordinator will assist in the development of parent engagement groups at each school and provide tips on recruiting estranged parents to attend school events.
12. The District will reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement.
13. Monitor each school in the district to ensure that the following tasks are performed:
  - a) Review /revise parent involvement plans. This will be done in April, 2017, with the Parent Advisory Committee at each school. The District Parent Coordinator, Kim Reece, will meet with the committees. Her contact number is 563-1155.
  - b) Offer flexible meeting times
  - c) Provide information to parents about the school's program, including a Parent Information Packet
  - d) Make sure the School-Parent Compact is included in the District Policy Handbook and signed by appropriate persons
  - e) Provide training for parents in working with their children. Mr. Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent, will ensure that these monitoring/site visit are conducted.
14. Ensure that the District Parental Involvement Plan is posted on the District website ([www.osd1.org](http://www.osd1.org)).

15. Contact information for the District Parent Coordinator and Parent Facilitators is as listed:

Kim Reece, District Parent Coordinator 870-563-1155  
Kim Howard, Parent Facilitator (North Elementary) 870-563-1155  
Janice Jarvis, Parent Facilitator (Carroll Smith Elementary) 870-563-2371  
Katie Stokes, Parent Facilitator (STEM Academy) 870-563-2150  
Cyndy Henderson, Parent Facilitator (Osceola High School) 870-563-2192

16. Parents will be invited by the Parent Facilitators to assist in the development of an evaluation procedure to measure the effectiveness of parental involvement activities and programs in the district. Parents will help evaluate the findings, make recommendations, and provide suggestions as it relates to parental involvement. The listed people represent the District's Parental Involvement Committee known as STAMP (Students, Teachers and Motivated Parents.) They also work with students to identify things they would like to see happening in each of our schools. District Parental Involvement Committee (STAMP):

**North Elementary**

Dianna Arizaga, Parent  
Patty Brown, Grandparent  
Audra High, Community Member/Parent  
Donella Falls, Grandparent  
Sham Turner, School Employee/Parent

**Carroll Smith Elementary**

Dorothy Boothe, Grandparent  
Jena Copeland, Parent  
Joyce Howard, Grandparent  
Caressa James, Parent  
Shannon Price, Parent  
Michelle Stillwell, Community Member/Parent

**STEM Academy**

Rhonda Hill, Parent  
Linda O'Kane, Parent  
Sally Parks, Aunt  
Evelyn White, Parent  
Amanda Wright, Business Manager/Parent

**Osceola High School**

Melissa Calvert, School Employee/Parent  
Aneyka Cooper, Parent  
Karen Devers, Business Manager/Parent  
Nicki Herron, Grandparent  
Lavinia James, Parent  
Angela Jones, Community Member/Parent

17. An annual parent involvement evaluation will be reported to parents, staff, and community at the annual Title I Parent Meeting. District Parent Coordinator, Kim Reece, will deliver the annual report.

18. Parent recruitment to serve on the District ACSIP committee to develop the Title I application will be implemented by the Parent Facilitators.