

Parent Involvement Policy

The Otwell Miller Academy staff believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility, one it shares with the parents of the school. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between homes and school must be maintained.

Parental Involvement Policy Guidelines:

- An annual Title 1 meeting will be held in the fall semester, where parents will receive information regarding the Title 1 program. Flexible meeting times will be offered.
- The school will partner with Head Start and local preschools to ensure a smooth transition to the elementary setting.

Parents will be provided with:

- Title 1 program information will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.
- Information regarding the Title 1 curriculum as well as the Indiana Academic Standards.
- The opportunity to discuss their child's progress in Title 1 any time throughout the year. They may do this by contacting the Title 1 Department by email, phone, letter, setting up a conference, etc.

Build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement by:

- Providing information to parents about various web sites and our parent resource center that is available to them so they can help their child with any areas of need.

- Parent-Teacher Conferences are held upon request to discuss student achievement.
- Reports will be shared from NWEA, in-class assessments, as well as student achievement based on the Indiana Academic Standards. Parents will also be informed on how to monitor student growth in these areas.
- Continuing to educate the teachers by providing them with information from The Parent Institute, web sites, or any other means which will help to build ties between the parents and the school.
- Ensuring that every attempt will be made to get information out to parents in a language they understand.
- If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
- Periodically surveying the parents regarding the Title 1 program and its components to ensure that the parent's expectations are being heard and addressed.
- A meeting will be held at the end of the school year to elicit parent feedback on Title I programming, budgeting, and documents.
- If the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the LEA.
- Other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.