



Omaha Elementary School

2017-2018

Parent & Family Engagement Elementary Plan

Omaha School District
Grades K-6

Parent and Family Engagement District Coordinator: Laura King

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Title I Schoolwide

75.97% free and reduced lunch

Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Plan Committee:

Amanda Green, K-6 Principal & Federal Coordinator

Patricia Phillips, 7-12 Principal

Laura King, District Coordinator, Teacher

Sam Mallett, Parent

Kendra Watkins, Parent

Traeger Evans, Parent

Jenn Hayes, Parent

Susan Moore, Parent

Kerri Strobeck, Parent

Shelly Collins, K-6 Instructional Facilitator

Pam Keafer, K-6 Interventionist, Community Involvement Coordinator, PTO President, Parent

Julie Cone, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator

Dr. Jacob Sherwood Superintendent

Omaha Elementary believes that it is our shared responsibility to provide a safe, nurturing environment and the tools necessary for all students to become self-motivated, life-long learners.

Omaha Elementary believes that engaging parents/guardians in their children's educational endeavors is essential to improving student achievement and that it should foster and support active parent/guardian involvement in all of its educational endeavors.

#1. Omaha School will use various communication strategies to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

- The school has an established web-site. The website has teacher contact information and calendar of future school activities in which parents are invited and encouraged to attend.
Contact Person:
Amy Brumley, Eschool Administrator/Cycle Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- The school will email a "weekly parent bulletin" to parents that include school news and a calendar of school activities. The parent bulletin will also be posted on the district's website.
Contact Person:
Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- The school has School Messenger to call all parents regarding upcoming events, cancellations of events due to bad weather, etc.
Contact Person:
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, Federal Program Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- Parents can access their child's grades using Eschool.
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- Teachers will routinely contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress.
Contact Person:

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Patricia Phillips, 7-12 Principal, 870-426-3366

- District information such as the ACSIP Plan, district report card, student handbook, and the Parent Involvement Plan can be accessed from the district's website.
Contact Persons:
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, Federal Programs Coordinator, 870-426-3366
Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on September 25th-28th & February 12th-February 15th
Contact Person:
Jacob Sherwood, Superintendent, 870-426-3366
- Parents will have access to an Interactive Information Messaging System containing school information located in the Elementary Building.
Contact Person:
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3366

#2. Omaha School will have parent meetings, conferences and activities regularly throughout the year and the dates will provide flexible meeting times that will increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity.

The proposed meetings listed below will:

- Allow staff to meet with parents individually and discuss the needs of the students.
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Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3372
Sandy Roberts, Counselor, 870-426-3366
- Be held at various times to accommodate parents.
Contact Persons:
Jacob Sherwood, Superintendent, 870-426-3366
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3372
Sandy Roberts, Counselor, 870-426-3366
- Inform parents of Annual Title I Report, test scores, student success, principal's report, financial review, and campus building updates
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Patricia Phillips, 7-12 Principal, 870-426-3366
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3372
Sandy Roberts, Counselor, 870-426-3366
Shelly Collins, K-6 Instructional Facilitator
- Encourage parents to engage and participate in student learning.
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Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3372
- Involve parents in reviewing and revising district/school plans and school events.
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Open House - Thursday, August 10th @6:00-7:30 p.m.

Grandparent's Day - September 8th, 2017

Parent Teacher Conferences - September 25th-28th & February 12th-February 15th

PTO Meetings - First Tuesday of each month

Stomp Out Bullying Assembly & Parent Training, October 2nd

Parent & Family Engagement Meetings - September 19th, Winter 2017, Spring 2018.

Bingo For Books - Spring 2018
SLAM Night - Fall 2017
Dance - February 2018
Santa Store - December 2017
Donuts For Dads - April 2018
Muffins For Moms - April 2018
Book Fair - September 2017
Red Ribbon Week - October 2018
Honor Awards Assembly – May 2018

#3. Omaha School will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

- The school will survey parents at the beginning of year. The survey will provide the school district with a list of volunteers & contact information.
Contact Person:
Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- School Events & Volunteer Opportunities will be noted in the weekly "parent bulletin" email and posted on website.
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- STATE REQUIREMENT – The School will provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education.
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Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3366
- STATE REQUIREMENT (Staff Development) The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.
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Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3366

#4. Omaha School will work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact.

- School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All stakeholders will sign the compact.
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#5. Omaha School will provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program.

- The school will involve parents on school improvement planning committees.
Contact Person:
Laura King, Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- The school will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I Part A funds.
Contact Person:
Amanda Green, K-6 Principal, Federal Program Coordinator, 870-426-3366

- STATE REQUIREMENT – The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school.
Contact Person:
Pam Keafer, Community Involvement Coordinator, PTO President, 870-426-3366
- STATE REQUIREMENT – To take advantage of community resources, the school shall attempt to recruit alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.
Contact Person:
Pam Keafer, Community Involvement Coordinator, 870-426-3366
- The school will hold a Title I Meeting and discuss with parents ideas, concerns, and strategies that will improve the Title I, Part A Program.
Contact Person:
Jacob Sherwood, Superintendent, 870-426-3366
Amanda Green, Federal Programs Coordinator, K-6 Principal, 870-426-3366

#6. Omaha School will provide resources for parents.

- STATE REQUIREMENT - The school will distributed Informational packets each year that includes a copy of the school's parental involvement plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...).
 - STATE REQUIREMENT - To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.
 - STATE REQUIREMENT – Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions.
 - STATE REQUIREMENT – The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator.
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#7. Omaha School will engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts.

- The school will engage parents in the annual evaluation of the parental involvement efforts through a survey at the end of the school year. Administrators, teachers, and the Parent & Family Engagement Committee will determine the effectiveness of the parental and family engagement plan and make changes if desired. While collecting evidence about satisfaction with the program and the school's efforts to increase parental involvement will be a part of the evaluation, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth.
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#8. Omaha School will use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year.

- The school will ask parents to fill out a parent interest survey at the beginning of each school year to get information from parents concerning the activities they feel will be most beneficial in the efforts to support their child academically.
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- The school will use the results of the parent interest survey will be used to plan the parental involvement activities for the following year.
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- The school will evaluate the activities that were suggested by the parents at the end of the year as part of the annual parental involvement plan evaluation.

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- State Requirement - Sponsor seminars to inform the parents of high school students about how to be involved in the decisions affecting course selection, career planning, and preparation for postsecondary opportunities.
Contact Persons:
Patricia Phillips, 7-12 Principal, 870-426-3366
Sandy Roberts, Counselor, 870-426-3366

#9. Omaha School will plan the Annual Title I Meeting.

- Omaha Annual Title I Meeting will be held October 9th, 2017. A meeting agenda, the sign-in sheet and the minutes for this meeting will be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. It will be held at a time that is accommodating to parent and conducted separately to ensure there is ample time to discuss testing data, school curriculum, and other Title I components.
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