

# **Title I School Improvement Plan**

## **Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools Parent Involvement Plan**

The staff at Owendale-Gagetown Area Schools believe that schools work best when parents and staff work hand in hand, and when parents take an active role in their children's education and encourage them to do their best. Furthermore, research has shown that parent involvement is a critical component in the learning process and programs with a strong parent base have a tendency to outperform other schools.

1. (Sec. 1118(a)(2)(A)/(b)(1) The Owendale – Gagetown Area Schools parents are involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the school-wide plan. Parents are invited to be active participants in all aspects of the school-wide plan. Parents have input on the plan through parent advisory committee meetings and via numerous parent surveys administrated throughout the school year. The plan is reviewed with parent advisory committee members and feedback is used to edit any areas of concern. Additionally, the plan will be reviewed annually with parental groups to ensure that all stakeholders have a voice in the revision of any plan elements.
  - Owendale – Gagetown Area Schools have an active Parent – Teacher Organization that meets monthly with parents, teachers, staff, and administration to discuss and plan school-wide events.
  - Owendale – Gagetown Area Schools has a parent involvement policy that meets NCLB requirements of Section 1118. The plan is provided to the parents and sent home in the student handbook, as well as given to the parents at open house.
2. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(B)To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership with the schools involved. Parents, and the community improve student academic achievement, through, but not limited to, parent-teacher conferences, Title I meetings, awards, open house, PTO meetings and activities, and graduation.
3. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(C)/(e)(1)To ensure effective involvement of parents the school shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards, State student academic achievement stands, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.

Owendale – Gagetown Area Schools provides all parents with the following:

- Progress Reports
- Report Cards

- MEAP Parent Reports
- NWEA results
- Dibels Reports
- AimsWeb Reports
- Progress Monitoring Results
- Local assessment results

These individual student academic assessment results will be communicated to parents in a language the parents can understand, including an interpretation of those results, to the parent of a child who participates in the academic assessment. Results are interpreted for them through conversations with classroom teachers during parent teacher conferences and scheduled parent meetings. Furthermore, a “MEAP night” will be coordinated so parents can receive their student(s) scores and ask questions in a small group format. Parents are encouraged to ask questions and clarify understanding of assessments during these different meetings. Additionally, as requested Title I parent meetings will be held to inform parents of their student(s) progress.

4. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(C)/(e)(2) The school shall provide grade level materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;
5. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(C)/(e)(3) The school shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.
6. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(D)/(e)(4) The parental involvement plan will be coordinated with other programs, such as Head Start, Great Start Readiness Program, Project Find, and Home Instruction for Preschool Youngsters. We promote a home/school connection through home visits and parent participation in the classroom.
7. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(C)/(e)(5) The school shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. For example, the school will provide full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English Proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. They will provide information on student success and potential participation opportunities in a language they can understand.
8. Sec. 1118(a)(2)(E) Parent involvement is currently evaluated by monitoring the number of parents who attend the fall open house, parent teacher conferences, after school Title I

activities, special events, and other activities. Additionally, the number of hours spent by adults volunteering during school events and activities is logged and monitored.

- The results of this data will be used in order to monitor and increase parental participation. In order to improve the school-wide plan we must create a partnership with parents and involve them in all aspects of student achievement. Additionally, ongoing parental surveys are used in order to determine needs and discuss ways to reach out to more parents for involvement.
  - Owendale – Gagetown Area Schools will create an annual evaluation of the parental involvement plan. This will be completed with parents where barriers will be identified (such as limited English, limited literacy, economic disadvantage, disability, etc) and strategies will be discussed to help increase and improve parental involvement.
  - The school shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request. Teachers will, however are not limited to offering a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening and making phone calls to help increase parent involvement and/or attendance.
9. Sec. 1118(c)(1-4) At the fall open house we will conduct a parent meeting to inform parents of the legal requirements in the schoolwide Title I parent involvement plan. We will also provide opportunity for parent input regarding the plan.
10. Sec. 1118(d)(1-2)(A-C) The school shall jointly develop a school-parent-student compact that outlines how the parents, staff, and students will develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. Teachers will review the compact with parents/students at conferences and discuss how it relates to student achievement.
- The Parent Compact addresses the responsibilities of all stakeholders (parents, teachers, and students) in the educational process. Each stakeholder signs the compact to indicate that they will engage in activities to enhance and increase student achievement.

***The complete student-parent-teacher compact is attached in the appendices***

11. Sec. 1118(e)(14) Upon parent request, the school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities. Furthermore, parents will be provided assurance that sections 1118(e)1-5 and 1118(f) will be implemented.

## Parent Activities

Date	Activity	Participants	Evaluation
Annually in the fall	Open House	Parents Students Teachers Administration	Sign-in sheet Survey
Annually in the fall	Muffins with Mom	Parents Students Teachers and Staff Administration	Survey Attendance and RSVP for event
Annually in the spring	Donuts with Dad	Parents Students Teachers and Staff Administration	Survey Attendance and RSVP for event
Winter or Spring	Chocolate Affair Fun Fair Spring Thing Halloween	Families Students Teachers and Staff Administration Community Members	Survey Attendance Survey of event Sign In Sheet
Two Evenings During Winter and spring	Band Presentations	Staff Administration Parents Students Community members	Survey Attendance Ticket Sale Lists Program
Winter and Spring	Elementary Program/Grandparents Day	Staff Administration Parents Students Community members	Survey Attendance (pictures of event) and RSVP for event
Fall and Winter	Parent Teacher Conferences	Parents Teachers Administration Students	Sign-In sheet Survey
Spring	Title I Parent Meeting	Parents Staff Teachers Administration Students	Sign-In sheet
Spring	Preschool and Kindergarten Round- Up	Parents Students Teachers Administration	Sign-In sheet
Fall, Winter, and	Award Ceremonies	Parents	Survey Attendance

Spring	(academic and athletic)	Students Teachers Administration Community Members	(picture)
Spring	National Honor Society Induction	Parents Students Teachers Administration	Survey Attendance Program
Winter	Santa's Workshop	Parents Students Staff	Survey Attendance Flyer
Fall, Winter, and Spring	Athletic Parents Night	Parents Students Coaches Staff Administration	Survey Attendance Letter sent to parents
Various events throughout the school year	Palace Fundraising Organization	Parents Students Coaches Staff Administration	Sign-up sheets and volunteer records
Various times throughout the school year	Parent Advisory Council meetings	Council members (parents) Teachers Staff Administration	Sign-in sheets and evaluation minutes
Various times throughout the school year	Movie Night	Parents Students Staff	Sign-in sheet
Spring	Kindergarten Graduation	Parents Students Staff	Program
Spring	Graduation	Parents Students Staff Community Members Board Members	Program
Spring	Prom	Parents Students Staff Board Members	Invitation
Spring	ACES	Students Parents Staff	Survey Attendance (picture)
Various times throughout the year	Field Trips	Parents Students	Permission Slips Letter Home

		Staff	
Spring	Science Fair	Parents Students Staff	Invitations Survey Attendance (pictures)
Various times throughout the year	Community Clean-up	Parents Students Staff Community Members	Flyers Bulldog Helper list
Various times throughout the year	Special Events such as public speaking contests etc.	Parents Students Staff Community Members	Newspaper Clippings Flyer
Various times throughout the year	Blood drives	Parents Students Staff Community Members	Sign-in Sheet