

District Parental Involvement Plan

Ocean City School District

2022 - 2023



DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT PLAN

I. PURPOSE

The purposes of the School District's Parent Involvement Plan are:

- To acknowledge that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- To encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's education at school and;
- That parents are partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

II. GOALS

The goals of the Ocean City School District's Parent Involvement Plan are:

- To build the capacity of the school and parent for strong and active parental involvement;
- To ensure effective engagement of parents in our schools and;
- To support a partnership between the school and the parents to improve student academic achievement.
- To post needs on school webpages under new parent involvement tab.


III. STANDARDS

As part of this Parent Involvement Plan, the Ocean City School District will follow the six (6) Standards of Parent Involvement according to the Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships and the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS). These Standards are:

1. Parenting
2. Communicating
3. Volunteering
4. Learning at Home
5. Decision Making
6. Collaborating

IV. METHODS


Listed below are methods for achieving both the National Standards and our Parent Involvement goals:

 Key 1 - *Parenting*:


- Assist families with learning about and setting home conditions that support children as students; such as, a quiet place to study.
- Assist schools to better understand families and their needs.
- Provide information on New Jersey’s academic learning standards, New Jersey’s student academic achievement standards, and the New Jersey and local academic assessments, including alternate assessments.
- Provide support to parents on monitoring their child’s progress.
- Provide support to parents on how to work with educators.
- Provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.
- Address other parental needs, which focus on age appropriate and developmental needs of students via parent workshops, conferences, and classes

 Key 2 - *Communicating*:

- Conduct effective communications, including technology from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress.
- Offer flexible support, when feasible, for parents needing daytime or evening meetings with staff, and/or parent involvement activities.
- Communicate with parents via newsletters, school website, teacher and staff webpages, principal newsletters printed for home and/or posted online, and global telephone messages.

 Key 3 - *Volunteering*:

- Invite parents in school-based activities, such as, but not limited to: Back to School Night, American Education Week, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and special school celebrations. Supply early intervention information, via website and handout materials.
- Organize volunteers and audiences to support the school and students. Provide volunteer opportunities in various locations and at various times.
- Provide volunteers with instructions on the requirements for being a volunteer in our School District, either as a Level I or Level II volunteer.
 - Level I: This level of volunteer is one who is presenting or chaperoning their own child on a field trip; there is no interaction with other children; therefore, there is no need for finger printing, and background check. There is encouragement for the volunteer to do the GCN training.
 - Level II: This level of a volunteer is one who interacts with students other than their own child. There is an expectation that the volunteer is finger-printed, has a background check, and does the GCN training.
 - Level II volunteer will complete a substitute packet as a guide for finger printing and criminal background check.
 - Level II volunteer will be provided with a School District volunteer badge.

 Key 4 - *Learning at Home*:

- Involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities and decisions.
- Hold parent information sessions on how parents can help their child with learning in school.

 Key 5 - *Decision Making*:

- Include families as participants in school decisions, and develop parent leaders and representatives.
- Involve representatives from parents and staff, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs.
- Assist schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance.

 Key 6 – *Collaborating*:

- Share with parents about our community resources and services for families, students, and the school, and provide services to the community.
- Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in fully participating in the education of their children.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The Ocean City School District will involve parents in the continued joint development and implementation of parental involvement methods and activities. Parents will be involved in multiple ways to give input into this development and implementation of the plan through building-based parent involvement committee meetings.

In the adherence to the Parent Involvement Goals and Standards, the School District has and will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents via parent-school organizations.

To the extent practicable and feasible, the School District and its schools will also provide opportunities for the participation of parents and communicate with the parents in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

The Ocean City School District is committed to ensuring that our students receive the best possible education. This is achieved through a team effort by the schools, families and community working together for the students. We believe that through this team approach, our students can have a high success rate in our schools.

Therefore, our School District has developed this Parental Involvement Plan, that we feel, is vital to the future of our students, your child(ren)!

“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.” ~Babe Ruth