Odem High School
Parent & Family Engagement Policy
ESSA Section 1116
School Year 2026-2027

1. Odem High School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school; Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5) Odem High School meets at the end of the year with parents to review and revise the PFE Policy. Feedback is gathered from the Campus Improvement Team. At the beginning of each year, parents review the policy to ensure it has been revised as discussed and provide any additional feedback. The policy is then posted on the campus website.

2. Odem High School shall convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved; Section 1116 (c)(1) Odem High School will host the Title I Annual Parent Meeting on February 4, 2027, at 5 p.m. We will notify parents via Parent Square. These dates are also posted on the district's website. Mrs. Flores, campus principal, will be responsible for conducting
the meeting.

3. Odem High School shall offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2) Throughout the school year, we will have various meetings for parents and families to include, but not limited to:

Parent Trainings and Information –

- Spring 2026-Parent Compact Meeting
- August 5, 2026-9th Grade Orientation
- August 5, 2026-Senior Parent Orientation
- August 10, 2026- Meet the Teacher/Teacher Procedures & Expectations
- October 2026-FAFSA Parent Meetings every day
- October 28, 2026-College Fair
- November 11, 2026- Family Bingo Night
- January 26, 2027- 8th Grade Transition Meeting

- March 10, 2027-Dual Credit Parent Meeting

Programs -

- November 11, 2026-Veterans Day Program
- December 10, 2026-Winter Band Concert
- April 26, 2027-Spring Band Concert

Awards Assemblies –

- April 7, 2027-NHS Induction Ceremony
- May 4, 2027-OHS 9th-11th Grade Awards Assembly
- May 4, 2027-Scholarship & Senior Awards Night
- May 6, 2027-Odem FFA Banquet
- May 11, 2027-Athletic Banquet
- May 15, 2027-Graduation

Family Events -

- August 10, 2026-Meet the Teacher
- August 29, 2026-HOCO Family Hallway Decorations
- October 16, 2026-Owl Wellness
- October 10, 2026-Trunk or Treat & Haunted House
- March 1, 2027-Texas Public Schools Week-Open House
- May 6, 2027-Senior Signing Day & Senior Walk
- May 6, 2027-Senior Parent Pep Rally

Pending the format of meetings, childcare may be provided by volunteers. Per parent request,
home visits will be accommodated. We will utilize digital platforms in some formats, as well.

4. Odem High School shall involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Team, CIT), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 1116 (c)(3)
Parents are invited to participate in our planning process via Parent Square, and District Webpage. Once they have volunteered, they are invited and reminded.

5. Odem High School shall provide parents of participating children— (A) timely information about programs under this part; (B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic

standards; and (C) 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; Section 1116 (c)(4) During the Title I Annual Parent meeting, we discuss the curriculum, assessments, and opportunities for participation in planning for their child/ren. Meet the Teacher is scheduled in September where teachers handout their syllabus.
We utilize Parent Square, Remind, and Google Classroom to explain additional information about curriculum and assessments. In addition, we post "upcoming events" every six weeks.

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Team, CIT) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency. Section 1116 (c)(5) As previously mentioned, the campus posts, in English and Spanish, the Campus Improvement Team (CIT) on the district's website and makes it available for parents. If the campus were to receive unsatisfactory comments based on the posted plan, such comments will be considered in the ongoing revision process, as well as made available to the district, when applicable.

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, shall:

Section 1116 (e)

a. (i) provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, 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; Section 1116 (e)(1)

Odem High School will communicate state expectations during the Title I Annual Parent Meeting and parent conferences. We will utilize Parent Square to communicate additional ways to support their child's achievement at home. The Ascender Parent Portal is available to monitor students' grades in each course. We are available to assist parents upon request.

b. (ii) provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2) Odem High School will post STAAR testing tips to assist in preparing their students for the upcoming STAAR Assessments, and additional events to engage parents in activities to work with children at home.

c. (iii) educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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; Section 1116 (e)(3) Odem High School administration meets with parents annually on how to work as equal partners to support student success. This allows both to provide feedback and build rapport and collaboratively help engage other parents.

d. (iv) to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of them children; Section 1116 (e)(4) Odem High School counselor will be providing sessions for parents based on the feedback from the counselor survey. The school will be working to provide programs to promote parent engagement throughout the school year.

e. (v) provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Section 1116 (e)(14) Odem High School is available to assist families with support at their request.

For additional Information on the policy, please contact:
Odem High School
One Owl Square, Odem, Texas 78370
Lisa Flores, Principal Phone: (361) 368-8121
Jana Kieschnick, Director of Special Program
Email: floresl@oeisd.org; kieschnickj@oeisd.org
Belinda Ruiz, Parent Involvement Coordinator oeisd.org; ruizb@oeisd.org

IMPORTANT NOTE: This template will assist a school when developing a school parent and family engagement policy.
For purposes of TEA validation, the school policy validation will review the items in this template as well as items that are a part of the school-parent compact. For more details contact your title I, Part A ESC contact.
© Texas Education Agency. All rights reserved.