

Odem Junior High

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

ESSA Section 1116

School Year 2025-2026

1. **Odem Junior High** 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 Junior High 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 distributed to parents during parent conferences in the fall, as well as sent via Parent Square and posted on the campus website.

2. **Odem Junior High** 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 Junior High will host the Title I Annual Parent Meeting on February 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. We will notify parents via Parent Square and Facebook. These dates are also posted on the district's website. Mrs. Amanda Henley, campus principal, will be responsible for conducting the meeting.

3. **Odem Junior High** 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:

- Title I Annual Parent Meeting –February 4, 2026
- Parent Trainings and Information -
 - August 6th 2025-6th Grade Orientation
 - August 11th 2025- Meet the Teacher/Teacher Procedures & expectations
 - August 11th 2025- Esteem Curriculum Program Overview Meeting
 - September 23rd 2025- Coffee Chat with Ms. Henley
 - September 24th 2025 -Parent Compact Meeting
 - November 17th 2025- Family Bingo Night
 - November 18th 2025- Coffee Chat with Ms. Henley
 - November 19th 2025- Campus Leadership Team /Navigating Parent Portal
 - March 25th 2026 -8th grade HS Transition Parent Meeting
 - February 11th 2026- Incoming 6th Grade Course Selection Parent Meeting
 - February 18th 2026- Incoming Freshmen Course Selection Parent Meeting
 - February 25th 2026- Parent Meeting-STAAR Testing Tips

- Programs -
 - November 11, 2025-Veterans Day Program
 - December 9, 2026-Band Holiday Program
 - May 4, 2026-Spring Band Program
- Awards Assemblies -
 - OJH 6th and 7th Grade Awards Assembly-May 5, 2026
 - OIS 8th Grade Awards Assembly-May 8, 2026
- Family Events -
 - August 11, 2026-Meet the Teacher
 - September 23, 2025 Coffee Chat with Henley

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 Junior High** 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, Facebook and District Webpage. Once they have volunteered, they are invited and reminded. In addition, we post all meetings to invite any other parents that might want to attend to join our meetings in "upcoming events" each month.

5. **Odem Junior High** 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 and teachers share what parents need to know for "skills for school success." We have fall parent conferences that share this information that is more specific to their child's current grade level expectations. We utilize Parent Square and Remind to explain additional information about curriculum and assessments. In addition, we post "upcoming events" weekly by teacher and monthly by campus.

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 Junior High 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 Junior High will host STAAR Testing Tips Night (teaming with parents 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 Junior High 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 their children; Section 1116 (e)(4)

Odem Junior High The 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 Junior High is available to assist families with support at their request.

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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.

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