

The school provides information to parents to understand the requirements and opportunities of being a Title 1 school during the annual Title 1 Parent meeting. Parent resources in regard to the State's academic content standards and academic achievement standards are made available during Parenting Day, Academic Nights, Parent/Teacher conferences, the school website and the MCPSS website. Other opportunities to involve parents in the school partnership are through PTO meetings and committee meetings. Parent trainings are offered throughout the year as needed to keep parents up to date with the latest academic programs and technology. Parents work with teachers to support their children's learning utilizing 1:1 devices in class for all students and at home for third through fifth grade students. Technology training and feedback surveys will be utilized to involve parents in the development of our school's 1:1 device program.

The faculty and staff of Old Shell Road School recognize the value of parent involvement and contributions. The principal encourages parent involvement in all aspects of our school. Faculty meetings, committee meetings, and teacher representatives on PTO are utilized for collaboration and planning of opportunities for parent involvement and for improvement of the communication efforts between our parents and the school. Parent surveys are used to gather input and update the most effective means of communication between school and home and home and school. The principal supports the use of innovative means of communication and involvement with parents. Parents play an important role in our parent advisory committees and school's continuous improvement planning meetings.

The school coordinates parent involvement programs and activities through our Annual Title 1 Parent meeting, our school's continuous improvement plan committee, Parenting Day, Academic Nights, and parent resources made

available through our school's website and social media. Community resources and support are also available through our school's guidance counselor, school nurse, EL resource teacher, and school resource officer.

The school provides information to all parents by communicating in a variety of ways: printed newsletters, social media posts, school signs, Messenger call outs, Remind texts, and our school website. This ensures that we are reaching as many of our parents as possible through the means of communication that best suits them. Translation services or TransAct is utilized as needed for those parents who do not speak English.

The school makes every effort to work with parents throughout the year to ensure an effective partnership. Parents have the opportunity to participate in surveys for feedback on many school decisions. Input and information from parent representatives on committees is also used to improve the academic achievement of our school. Parent/teacher conferences are held at different times of the day to accommodate parents' schedules. PTO meetings are also held monthly to give parents opportunities to stay involved throughout the year. Our school showcases our students during grade level performances throughout the year, and this offers an additional opportunity for parents to be involved in school activities through the arts.

The school provides information to English Language Learners' parents through translators or printed material in the home language when necessary. The school's ELL resource teacher is available to assist with verbal communication with parents when needed. Support for parents with disabilities and migratory students is available through community resources. The school's guidance counselor is available to assist parents in locating needed resources. Our school is handicap-accessible for all parents and students with physical disabilities.



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Mobile County Public School System Old Shell Road Elementary School of Creative and Performing Arts

Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2023-2024



The mission of Old Shell Road School is to provide a safe learning environment where each of us has the opportunity to develop positive character and to do our best in academics and the arts.

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Old Shell Road Magnet School holds its annual Title 1 meeting for all parents during the first quarter of the school year. Parents are notified of the meeting through school newsletters, school website, Remind, School Messenger, and social media. Annual meetings are held at night to accommodate the majority of parents. The annual meeting explains all required information related to participation as a Title 1 school (parental rights, school improvement plan, compacts, parent involvement, surveys, etc.). The Title 1 minimum parenting allocation requirement for our school is \$1, 789.48

Parent meetings are offered on a flexible schedule, during the day and at night, to provide opportunities for all parents to participate. Information is made available and communicated to parents who are not able to attend all meetings. Parent resources are available through a variety of avenues to reach all parents. Some examples include: print resources, Internet, social media, phone calls, face-to-face parent meetings, and counseling referrals to outside agencies. Parenting Day is held during the month of October to provide parents an opportunity to participate in school activities. Parent conferences are held during the first semester of each school year to discuss student progress in all academic areas. Parents have many opportunities to be involved in the decision making of the school. Parents are encouraged to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee or Continuous Improvement Plan committee. These committees meet throughout the year and dates and times are flexible to accommodate parent schedules. Parent involvement funds are used to improve the communication efforts of the school by providing parent communication folders to every student.

Parents have the opportunity to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee and as representatives on the school continuous improvement committee. The school provides information to parents to understand the requirements and opportunities of being a Title 1 school during the Title 1 parent meeting. The school coordinates parent involvement programs and activities through our Annual Title 1 Meeting, our school's Continuous Improvement Plan committee, Parenting Day, Academic Nights, and parent resources made available through our schools website and social media. The school makes every effort to work with parents throughout the year to ensure an effective partnership. Parents have the opportunity to participate in surveys for feedback on many school decisions.

Parent involvement funds are used to improve the communication efforts of the school by providing parent brochures for every student. \$1, 141.07.

In order to reach all parents, a variety of communication methods are used to provide information: Parent communication folders, school website, Facebook page, school newsletters, school Messenger, Remind, and the MCPSS website. Information is provided to parents of ELL students through the school's office and the EL resource teacher as needed. Parents are invited to the annual Title 1 meeting and representatives serve on a parent Advisory Committee, which meets regularly throughout the year to offer input into school decisions.

All parents are asked to sign compacts at the beginning of each school year and copies are kept on file to serve as documentation of the joint effort between all stakeholders for student success. The school reviews and updates its school-parent compact annually. Updates are made based on stakeholder feedback from the previous year's diagnostic and parent advisory committee input. Parent compacts are used in teacher conferences when student concerns arise to ensure that everyone is working in partnership to the best of their ability.

Parents have the opportunity to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee and as representatives on the school's continuous improvement committee. Dissatisfaction with the school's continuous improvement plan can be voiced in the process of creating the plan and also during reviews and updates to the plan. All parents have opportunities to review the school's Continuous Improvement Plan during the year as it is made available through our school's website. Written comments may be submitted to the principal and the school's Continuous Improvement Plan Committee. Concerns will be addressed during regularly scheduled quarterly reviews or as needed. Parents may also request a meeting with the principal and/or the continuous improvement plan committee to discuss concerns.

Home and School Partnerships Empowering Students to Learn

