

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

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TITLE: PARENT/FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

POLICY:

The School Board of Orange County, Florida (“Board”) recognizes that a child’s academic success is a shared responsibility between the school and family. To this end, the Board supports the development and implementation of parent involvement programs at each school, which shall involve parents and guardians at grade levels K-12 in a variety of roles.

(1) Components of Successful, Parent Involvement Programs:

Parent involvement programs should be comprehensive, coordinated in nature and include parents and guardians that are diverse in culture, language and needs. Parent involvement programs should include, but not be limited to, the following components of established, successful parent involvement programs:

- (a) Regular and meaningful, two-way communication between home and school.
- (b) Support and promotion of responsible parenting techniques.
- (c) Recognition that parents and guardians play an integral role in assisting student learning.
- (d) Clear communication to parents and guardians that their support and assistance is welcomed and encouraged in their schools.
- (e) Recognition that parents and guardians are full partners in the decisions that impact the education of their children.
- (f) Community resources are sought, maximized and made available to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning.

(2) Tools for Implementing Successful Parent Involvement Programs:

To implement a successful parent involvement program, the Board supports professional development opportunities for school based administrators, teachers and staff to enhance an understanding of effective parent involvement strategies. The Board also recognizes the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

(3) Requirements for use of certain Title 1 federal funds for purchase of food to the extent permitted by the applicable federal program guidelines for

Parent/Family Involvement activities in the Orange County Public Schools (“OCPS”) district:

The Purchase of food using Title 1 federal funds for parent/family involvement activities within the OCPS district shall be allowed so long as applicable federal program guidelines are followed and the following conditions are met:

- (a) Expenses are reasonable and necessary; and
- (b) The activity is at a time when parents would normally eat a meal.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: Sections 1000.21; 1001.32; 1001.41; 1001.42; 1001.43; 1001.51; 1001.54; 1002.20; 1002.23; 1008.25; and 1012.98, Florida Statutes.

20 U.S.C. Section 6318 and 34 CFR Section 76.700

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