

## **Odessa Upper Elementary Parental Involvement Plan**

### **Strategies for Involvement**

An annual parent meeting will be offered at various days and times in order to accommodate parents. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Inform them of the school's participation in Title I
- Explain Title I requirements
- Explain their right to be involved
- Involve them in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the school's parent involvement plan and the joint development of the school wide plan.
- Provide parents:
  - Timely information about Title I programs
  - A description and explanation of the curriculum in use
  - The forms of assessment used to measure student progress
  - Proficiency levels students are expected to meet
  - An interpretation of the school's annual performance report
- Provide other meetings, as requested by parents

Timely responses will be provided for the suggestions made by parents that have been offered in the meetings. Comments from parents of participating children who find any aspect of the school wide plan unsatisfactory will be included when it is submitted to the school district.

### **Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

The school will develop a school-parent compact with parents. The compact will outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the Missouri Learning Standards.

### **Expanding Opportunities for Involvement**

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership with Odessa Upper Elementary, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school will:

- Provide parents with help on topics such as:
  - Understanding the Missouri Learning Standards
  - Understanding the MAP test and local assessments
  - Understanding how to monitor a child's progress
  - Knowing how to work with teachers to improve the performance of their child.
- Provide parents the training and materials necessary to improve their child's achievement
- Educate all school personnel in valuing parent contributions, communicating and working with parents as equal partners, implementing and coordinating parent programs, and building ties between home and school
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents in a format and language they can understand

- Encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their child by offering volunteer opportunities