



WEST ORANGE – COVE CISD

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Parental and Family Engagement Plan 2022-2023

The mission of West Orange-Cove CISD: In Partnership with our community, our mission is to transform lives through an exceptional educational experience. West Orange-Stark Middle School supports the District's mission by partnering with families and the community as we work towards our mission. The Mission of West Orange-Stark Middle School is to educate and foster growth and development of well-rounded students in a safe, continuously evolving environment. Through collaboration with all stakeholders, our students will be equipped to take a positive role in society as productive citizens and develop their personal commitment to life-long learning.

To be eligible to receive grant funding under HB 4, a school district or an open-enrollment charter school shall develop, implement, and make available on the district, charter, or campus website a family engagement plan to assist the district in achieving and maintaining high levels of family involvement and positive family attitudes toward education. An effective family engagement plan creates a foundation for the collaboration of mutual partners, embraces the individuality and uniqueness of families, and promotes a culture of learning that is child centered, age appropriate, and family driven.

(1) The following terms, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings.

(A) Family--Adults responsible for the child's care and children in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

(B) Family engagement--The mutual responsibility of families, schools, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience and supports the whole child and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.

Six Family Engagement Components:

1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support

- Staff and teachers provide families the opportunity to participate in WOSMS initiatives to include:
 - Volunteering in the classroom/school events
 - STAAR Family nights including math and science
 - Athletic Events
 - Holiday Programs



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- Meet the Teacher
- Title One Meetings
- Family Book Fair
- Other campus events

2. Establish a network of community resources

- WOSMS has established community partners to include churches, charities, city and state agencies, physicians, and dentists, politicians

3. Increase family participation in decision making

- Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) Meetings

4. Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning

- Parent-Teacher Conferences

5. Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their child's learning benchmarks

- WOSMS teachers attend a minimum of 30 hours of staff development to include:
 - Best Practices
 - Curriculum Alignment Practices
 - Differentiation Strategies
 - ESL
 - Writing Across the Curriculum
 - Technology Integration
 - Small group instructional practices
 - Data-Driven Instruction
 - Response to Intervention (RtI)
 - Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
 - Reflective Practice Model (RPM)

6. Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement

- WOSMS continuously monitors family engagement activities for improvement through the use of evaluations, surveys, and participation.
- Data is used to improve practices and provide meaningful training and support to families.