Obion County Central High School

Family engagement plan

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Obion County Central High School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a few specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

Obion County Central High School maintains open lines of communication through social media, school signage, parent teacher conferences, student vue/parent vue, and classroom platforms to keep families informed, engaged, and connected throughout the year.

When students, schools, families, and communities come together---we CAN achieve our goals!!

Goals of Obion County Central High School

1. Foster a Welcoming and Inclusive School Environment

- Build Strong Personal Connections

8th grade Visit: At the end of the year, the 8th graders are brought to the high school to tour the school and look at some of our CTE classes to see what they may be interested in for their years in high school.

Freshman Orientation: Before school starts, we have a freshman meeting with students and their parents. They are given their schedules and they can tour the school and find their classes without the rest of the students being here.

New students: New students are given a tour of our school and their classes by a fellow student. They are given pamphlets with school information, key routines, and contracts.

All students: During the first week of school, our students were put into a "House" under the Ron Clark Academy rules. They are introduced to their teacher leaders and also their student leaders for their house and we have a big rally. Also during the first week of school we do a Back to School Bash free for all our students. We also have parent teacher conferences twice a year.

Create a family friendly atmosphere

Obion County Central High School uses a variety of sources to keep parents informed about their student and the school. We have a marquee out front to inform of upcoming events. We have an Obion County and an Obion County Central High School Facebook page which is continually updated for information.

When you enter our school, you will find a clean welcoming environment with entrances clear and marked. Upon entering the school, you will find a screen with scrolling events for the school. Visitors are greeted by friendly and professional office workers and are taken to their desired destination.

Develop families' ability to effectively communicate concerns

Parents are encouraged to visit school with any problems or concerns and are greeted with open doors by our administration.

Parents and guardians can refer to the student handbook, school websites, e-mails, students and parent vue to communicate with teachers or staff.

Provide opportunities to volunteer

We value the vital role parents and guardians play in creating a thriving school community. We invite parents and guardians to volunteer their time, talents and ideas to our school to support classroom activities, school events, sporting events, and enrichment programs.

Respect all families

Obion County Central High School tries to accommodate religious and family beliefs, practices, and values.

Remove economic obstacles to participation

Fees may be waived for programs, activities, etc. based on economic needs. School supplies are made available as needed. Free breakfast and lunch are served to all students. We have a clothes closet at school to help with dress needs.

At Obion County Central, we believe that collaboration between parents/guardians and teachers is essential to student success. We are committed to make parents and guardians know they are valued as active participants in their child's learning.

2. Strengthen Family Engagement in Student Achievement

Maintain Consistent Parent-Teacher Communication

Two parent teacher conferences are held during the year, one in the fall and the other in the spring. Progress reports are sent home every 4.5 weeks to monitor the child's progress before the end of the 9 weeks. Parent phone calls are made on a regular basis with concerns or positive reinforcement for the child. We provide distance learning when needed for students. Teacher e-mails, TEAMS, teacher websites, Remind, phone calls, and other parent communication is used to inform parents of everyday progress of their child.

Use Assessment Data to Drive Student Growth

Benchmark testing is done throughout the year to monitor student's progress and make adjustments as needed. RTI classes are adjusted depending on the student's needs.

Sharing school progress

An all-call system, e-mails, advertisements in newspaper and radio, school websites, and digital bulletin boards are used to keep parents/guardians informed of happenings at the school.

Engaging Parents

Our school is open to visitors during the day.

Parents can become involved in booster clubs, band meetings, FAFSA night, each grade level meeting at night.

Promote after school learning

Academic clubs, tutoring, and other club activities meet after school at times.

Student's future

Our students are given multiple opportunities to obtain information for their future endeavors such as: career fair, job shadowing, visiting businesses, trips to technology schools or colleges, classroom lessons, visits by outside businesses or military to classrooms.

Smooth future

8th grade students are brought to the high school at the end of the year to tour the school and meet administration and teachers. We have a freshman orientation meeting before school starts for freshmen and their parents. They are given their schedules and

are able to tour the school without all the students here.

3. Strengthen Community Communication and Increase Input on School Policies

Promote Understanding of Rights and Responsibilities

District and school policies are provided online, posted in the school building , and information is sent home with students throughout the year about community and state services.

Share Information About Community Resources

Information is sent home with students, announcements, and updates on the website.

Underprivileged student resources: Chimes for Charity, Backpack Program, local church and business donations, school clothing closet, Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Organize support from community partners

Local businesses visit, present, and contribute in various methods

Woodman of the World-flags, patriot handbook
Farm Bureau- Farm days
Local churches- school supplies, backpack program, donations
Obion County Health Department
Military
Tyson Foods
Williams Sausage
Rebel Grounds
Discovery Park of America
Everett Stewart Airport
Tiptonville Correctional Facility
I69 Motorsports
Carey Counseling

Advertise meetings in newspapers, on radio stations, and on the district and school website

Each school advertises on an all call system and social media

Arrange to hold school board meetings at each school site at least once annually

Al schools participate so that each community has the opportunity to attend and showcase positive aspects of our school system in various ways. School board meetings are held monthly.

Additional information about the Obion County School District or any of the individual schools can be found on the district's website at:
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