Owen Goodnight Middle School

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Goodnight Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District (SMCISD) and Owen Goodnight Middle School are committed to creating a strong partnership with parents and families that is built on trust. This partnership is based on an agreement in which all members understand and accept their roles and responsibilities in helping students do well in school. It is a partnership through which all members will work to:

- Welcome and respect each other
- Offer their personal strengths and knowledge
- Provide support with attendance, academic, and behavior, and
- Communicate respectfully to each other

Purpose

In order to create a strong partnership that will improve student learning, our campus will provide support that is focused on family engagement and building a strong bond between the school, home, and community. Our campus committee and support staff will focus on engaging parents and students so that our students are successful in school.

Engaging parents and students may include opportunities such as:

- Providing guidance and support on accessing your child's grades and attendance records online (Home Access Center) or locating community resources to provide learning opportunities for your child outside of school (Tutor.com and the Public Library)
- Parent learning opportunities such as resource fairs, counselor check-in's, seasonal community resources
- Content, community/school events and resources
- Parent/teacher conference

COMMUNICATION

Goodnight Middle School will use different ways of communicating with parents and families to increase outreach. These will include:

- Newsletters, flyers, posters, and consent forms
- Phone calls, emails, text messages
- District website
- Social Media (Twitter and Facebook)
- Home and community visits, porch wellness visits
- SMCISD Mobile App

We will commit to communicate in both English and Spanish with our families.

Campus Support

Goodnight Middle School has initiated a campus committee that will focus on parent and student engagement. The campus committees will provide our faculty and staff the opportunity to see our students and families in a different environment. This opportunity will include:

- The importance of parent and family engagement.

- Effective ways of reaching out to parents and community in order to build positive relationships
- Creating a welcoming and service-oriented school setting
- Partnership with, CIS, AVID, Rural Talent Search, Texas State University

Training

Goodnight Middle School will provide training to families throughout the school year. The training will include (but is not limited to):

- Support families understand what the State of Texas and GMS expects students to learn for each grade level
- Support families understand how the State and GMS will check to see if students have met the expectations
- Support families understand how they can check to see how their child is doing in school
- Support families understand how they can help their child if they are not doing well in school

District Support

SMCISD will support our campus efforts to engage parents and families in order to help student learning by:

- Providing funds to our campus to purchase materials and provide learning opportunities to parents and families
- Collaborating with community organizations such as Randolph Brook Federal Credit Union, A+ Credit Union, Cenikor, Centro Esperanza, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, Rural Talent Search, Texas State University, Greater San Marcos Youth Council (GSMYC) to promote parent and family engagements that will support families understand community resources and opportunities on how to access them.

CAMPUS CONTACTS

Our campus has an available point of contact for parents and families. Our Counselors and Parent Liaison are a very important link between home and school and provide a great service to our parents and families in many ways including:

- Contacting teachers
- Providing information about after school programs that are available
- Becoming a volunteer at your child's school
- Providing school supplies to students who are in need
- Connecting to support services such as housing, clothing, medical, food, and student/family counseling
- Home visits to bridge communication between home and school
- Collaborate with communities in schools (CIS) to provide needed support and resources to students and their families
- Provide professional development opportunities for our Parent Liaison and other appropriate staff to gain more effective strategies in working with students and families.

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Parent Liaison	Gracie Sifuentes	512-393-6559	Gracie.sifuentes@smcisd.net
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EVALUATION

Goodnight Middle School will provide parents with a Parent Survey at the beginning and end of each school to see how our school is doing in engaging parents and families in order to improve student learning. If needed, recommendations will be made by our campus PaSE Committees for improvement.

This parent survey will focus on the following:

- How can we improve our campus efforts to maintain a strong bond between the school and the families we serve?
- How can we build an understanding of available resources the school can provide to support students and their families?
- How can the school eliminate any barriers that would prevent a strong connection with the school and our families?

SUMMARY

We all have a great responsibility to work together to raise happy and healthy students that are well prepared to live life to the fullest. By working alongside students, parents, families, and community members, Owen Goodnight Middle School is committed to *creating a strong partnership built on trust; continuously improving the communication between home and school; maintaining students, parents, families, and community members well informed of important information; and providing school and community events that invite us all to learn and grow together.*