



# 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 each other
- Offer their personal strengths and knowledge
- Provide assistance, and
- Listen and speak 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:

- Trainings such as finding your child's grades and attendance records online (Home Access Center) or finding community resources to provide learning opportunities for your child outside of school (Tutor.com, FASST Tutoring Website)
- Virtual parent learning opportunities such as resource fairs, counselor check-in's, seasonal community resources
- Provide after school clubs for students such as Spring Lake Outdoor Education Program (SLOEP) through Texas State University
- Parent/teacher conference
- Organizing school and community events

### **COMMUNICATION**

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

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

We will commit to communication 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 (PaSE). The campus PaSE Committees will provide our faculty and staff



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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, Texas State University SLOEP (Spring Lake Outdoors Education Program)

## **Training**

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

- Helping parents and families understand what the State of Texas and GMS expects students to learn for each grade level
- Helping parents and families understand how the State and GMS will check to see if students have met the expectations
- Helping parents and families understand how they can check to see how their child is doing in school
- Helping parents and families understand how they can help their child if he/she is 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 Hispanic de San Marcos, Rural Talent Search, Texas State University to promote parent and family engagements that will help parents and 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 of them
- Connecting to support services such as housing, clothing, medical, food, and student/family counseling
- Home visits to bridge communication between home and school



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- We will also utilize 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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## 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*