

Family & Community Engagement Family Booklet

2023-2024



Greenwood Jr. High believes that engaging parents is essential to improving student achievement. We are committed to fostering and supporting active parental involvement at our school. Our program is guided by a Family & Community Engagement committee whose goal is to promote active parental involvement at our school.

This year at GJHS there are many collaborative opportunities for parents to become involved with their student's educational process.

7-8 Orientation/Open House	August
Fall Reading Fair	October
Parent/Teacher Collaboration Conference	October
Mid-Year Reading Fair	February
Parent/Teacher Collaboration Conference	February
Career Vision Nights	March/April
Awards Extravaganza	May

These are excellent opportunities for parents to gain valuable insight into their student's school activities and opportunities. The goal of GJHS is to assure an ongoing partnership between our families and our school. We believe this partnership will foster positive outcomes for our student's achievement and promote a sense of cooperative responsibility between home, school, and community.

About the Family & Community Engagement Plan

GJHS recognizes that a child's education is a shared responsibility between the family, school, and community. Our school acknowledges that engaging parents is essential to improve student achievement and that schools should foster and support active parental participation.

In response to this commitment and compliance with ACT603 of 2003, GJHS established the following Family & Community Engagement Plan.

2023-2024 Family & Community Engagement Plan

This plan, established in collaboration with parents and community members, includes programs & practices that enhance parental engagement and reflects the specific needs of GJHS students and parents. GJHS has a family kit booklet appropriate for the ages and grade levels of our students to encourage parental participation. The booklet describes the Family & Community Engagement program, explains the role of the parent, students, teachers, and school, as well as, outlines ways for parents to become involved with their child's education throughout the year. A system to allow parents to communicate with teachers and administration is explained also. A parent volunteer survey is included with the family kit and a copy may be accessed on the school website (www.greenwoodk12.com).

To facilitate communication with parents GJHS schedules Parent/Teacher Collaboration Conferences each semester. The primary focus of these nights is to facilitate parent participation in their student's academic achievement. Each night will engage in a duo-academic focus (example: English/History or Math/Science).

To promote responsible parenting GJHS operates a parent center housed in the media center at the school. Books, magazines, and pamphlets will be accessible at that location. Parents may borrow materials for review during school and evening event hours or by arranging an appointment with the FACE parent facilitator. Greenwood Public Schools operates a district parent center housed at 416 East El Paso Street. The district center provides loan services and a food pantry.

Orientation/Open House is held prior to the beginning of school. The purpose is to familiarize parents and students with the GJHS faculty and administration and encourage regular, two-way communication between school and home.

A Career Vision Night, designed to assist parents and students in course selection, career decision-making, and preparation for post-secondary opportunities, is conducted in the spring. Parents and students are introduced to current career programs and academic opportunities available at Greenwood Public Schools. The parental role in the student's career-planning process is emphasized and encouraged.

At the end of each school year, GJHS hosts an End-Of-Year Awards Extravaganza to recognize student accomplishments throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend the ceremony and to support their student's academic achievement.

GJHS recognizes that community resources strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning. A Family & Community Engagement advisory committee consisting of parents, community partners, and GJHS faculty members is established each year to provide guidance and direction for improvement in the various parent and family engagement activities. School administration supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of the program to involve parents in the decisions and practices of the school.

Parent & Family Engagement professional development opportunities for teachers are offered as required. These are designed to enhance understanding of effective parental engagement strategies.

It is the goal of GJHS to assure an ongoing partnership between family, community, and school. We believe such a partnership is fundamental to the academic/social success of our students. From this partnership, support evolves to produce a positive effect on student achievement and promote a sense of cooperative responsibility while ensuring the development of academic excellence.



Family & Community Engagement Opportunities

GJHS has developed the following list of activities in which parents and/or volunteers can be involved in the educational process of our students.

- FACE Committee Member
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Athletic Booster clubs
- Band Booster Club
- Career Vision Night
- Classroom Volunteer
- Choir Booster Club
- Guest Speaker
- Job Shadowing
- Parent Center Volunteer
- Special Olympics



These are excellent opportunities for parents to gain valuable insight into their student's school activities and opportunities. Complete the Parent Survey to let us know your interests.

Family & Community Engagement Committee Members

Sheila Lemley—Parent Facilitator

Brooke West—Asst. Principal

Jennifer Bethel—Parent

Kelly Mizell—Parent

Melanie Woody—Faculty

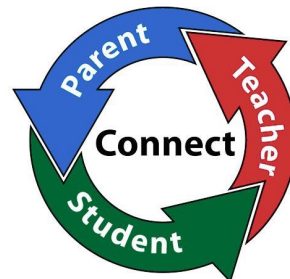
Crissy Thompson—Community Partner

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

Henry Ford

ROLE OF PARENTS, STUDENTS, & SCHOOL

GJHS strives to assure an ongoing partnership between parents, students, and the school. In a partnership, there are defined roles and responsibilities for all involved.



The role of the **school** and **teachers** is to: (1) provide a safe and caring learning environment that encourages student responsibility, (2) follow a curriculum designed for students, (3) recognize individual student strengths, (4) keep parents informed of their student's progress, (5) assign meaningful and appropriate homework, (6) assist parents in helping their student at home, (7) encourage students in following school/classroom rules, and (8) attend school functions.

Parents should: (1) see that their student is punctual and attends school regularly, (2) support the school discipline policy, (3) establish a time for homework and review homework regularly, (4) encourage their student's efforts and be available for questions, (5) stay informed of what the student is learning and check progress, and (6) attend parental engagement activities as well as other activities in which their student is involved.

Students also share responsibility for their academic success. Their role is to; (1) attend school regularly, (2) follow school/classroom rules, (3) complete and return homework assignments on time, (4) check their progress, (5) develop study habits that promote academic success, and (6) show respect for their fellow students, faculty, administration, and their parents.

Let's Talk...

GJHS offers many ways for parents and community members to communicate with staff and administration. Whether it is by phone or email, we want to be able to discuss your concerns and keep you informed.



EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS

Contact any staff member via email at
firstname.lastname@greenwoodk12.com
EXAMPLE: Jane Smith
jane.smith@greenwoodk12.com



Follow us at Greenwood Junior High



You can get to the GJHS website on the Greenwood Schools' district page at
www.greenwoodk12.com

Once you access the website, look for the [Our Schools](#) menu button.
From there, click on [Greenwood Junior High School](#).

Information about [Announcements](#), [Lunch Menus](#), [Teacher Websites](#), [Calendar Information](#), [Parent Engagement Plan](#), [Links/Resources for Students/Parents](#), [Student Handbook](#), and [Gradeviewer](#) are on the website.



Check grades through the **Home Access Center (HAC)** on our website.
www.greenwoodk12.com

Use the **Gradeviewer** tab and your **Registration Gateway** username and password to log in. EXAMPLE: John.Doe



GPS Parent Center
416 East El Paso Street
Greenwood, AR 72936



Call (479) 996-8884 for hours of operation.

GJHS respects our parent's "Right-To-Know" professional qualifications of their student's teachers. To request information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's teachers contact:

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Kevin Hesslen, Asst. Superintendent--- kevin.hesslen@greenwoodk12.com

