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GJHS Family & Community Engagement (FACE) 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 improving 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.

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 to encourage parental participation that is appropriate for the ages and grade levels of our students. The document describes the GJHS 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 (for 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. We believe that 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 for our students.



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