

Choctaw County High School
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Parental Involvement Policy
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Choctaw County High School will jointly develop with parents, staff, and students a Parental Involvement Policy to ensure the academic success for all students in grades seven through twelve. The involvement of parents in the education of students is vitally important to help each student be successful. This policy is available to all parents, staff, students and the community.

1. Policy Involvement

Choctaw County High School will take the following actions to encourage parents to be active participants in their child's education:

- Involve parents/guardians in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of its parent involvement programs, the school's parental involvement policy, and the integration of these programs into the schoolwide plan
- Offer a flexible number of meetings at different times to accommodate parent's work schedules
- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents/guardians will be invited and encouraged to attend, in order to inform parents/guardians that they can directly affect the success of their children's learning and the right of parents/guardians to be involved.
 - Review/revise the school parental involvement policy
 - Review/revise the student-school-parent compact
 - Review/revise the Schoolwide Title I plan
- Provide parents with ways to work with their child's teachers
- Provide parents with school, district, and state academic standards
- Provide parents with a description and explanation of the school, district, and state assessments used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Provide parents the opportunity to submit comments/concerns to the Choctaw County School District Federal Programs Coordinator if the Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory
- Provide parents, if requested, with opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children
- Disseminate the parental involvement policy to parents and the community through invitations, flyers, and district website.

2. School-Family Compact

Choctaw County High School has jointly developed with and distributed to parents, a school-student-parent compact that outlines how parents, staff, and students will work together to improve student academic achievement. It also explains how the school and parents will commit to a working relationship to help students reach proficiency on the Mississippi content standards.

Choctaw County High School will implement the school's parent-student compact as a part of its Parental Involvement Policy.

- a. The compact will describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction, and the parent's responsibility to support their children's education process.
- b. The compact will concentrate on the significance of communication between parents and teachers through parent conferences and reports to parents on their children's school performance.
- c. The compact will be reviewed and updated at the Annual Title I meeting.

3. Building Capacity for Involvement

Choctaw County High School engages parents in meaningful interactions with the school. It supports the partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student's academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school will do the following:

- Assist parents in understanding academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.
- Choctaw County High School will provide information to parents through methods such as meetings, registration booklets, school-wide orientation, website updates and educational brochures.
- Data results from all school wide assessments will be provided to parents with a description of the assessment. Opportunities will be provided to parents to speak with teachers and administrators concerning the results.
- Choctaw County High School will provide training opportunities for teachers which discuss parental involvement issues.
- Choctaw County High School will hold workshops to inform parents about different programs offered at the school which help with student outcomes.
- Choctaw County High School will hold Parent Awareness Meetings which give information to parents regarding IHL requirements, graduation requirements, registration procedures, and other pertinent information before a child's ninth grade scheduling begins and/or as needed.
- The school will provide students with a rigorous curriculum to meet the new academic standards needed in today's schools. Parents will be given the opportunity to meet with teachers at the beginning of the school year to discuss the curriculum for the student's classes.

- The Choctaw County Schools website will be utilized in order to offer information to parents as needed and to give another resource which is convenient for the parents.
- The AlertNow system will be used by Choctaw County High School as a means to provide information to parents about events and important dates which occur throughout the school year.

4. Accessibility

Choctaw County High School acknowledges and provides opportunities for all parents to participate in their child's educational process, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Parents will be given reports and information in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand. If parents cannot understand the reports, translators will be provided by the school.

Adoption

The Choctaw County High School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents as evidenced in meeting minutes.

This policy was adopted and/or revised by the Choctaw County High School Parent Advisory Committee on September 2018.