

Obion County Board of Education

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1 **Culture Statement:** The Obion County Board of Education strives to maintain good family/
2 community involvement in the school system by keeping citizens informed about policies/proce-
3 dures, involving citizens in planning, encouraging parents/community members to visit our schools,
4 and promoting our system in the media.

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6 **Goals:** *The Obion County Schools will:*

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8 **1. Create a welcoming environment on each campus:**

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10 **Strategies:**

- 11 • Post welcome signs at main entrances.
- 12 • Personally invite parents of struggling students (those performing on a D or F level) to
13 conferences.
- 14 • Schools will make an effort to have parent meetings/everyday contact communicated in the
15 native language when possible.
- 16 • Conduct school "Open House" each fall inviting parents and community leaders to attend.
- 17 • Promote and participate in parent-teacher organizations which support the school and its
18 activities.
- 19 • Solicit parent volunteers for various school activities.
- 20 • Promote parent reading nights for elementary students.
- 21 • Provide after-school daycare for working parents.
- 22 • Encourage parents and grandparents to visit schools and participate in certain activities
23 with their children and grandchildren.

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25 **2. Improve parent involvement in student achievement:**

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27 **Strategies:**

- 28 • Expand system-wide parent conferences from six hour to twelve hours per year on non-
29 school days.
- 30 • Schools will make an effort to have parent meetings/everyday contact communicated in the
31 native language when possible.
- 32 • Institute an informal program for parents as their children transition from one campus to
33 another.
- 34 • Offer child-care services in conjunction with parent meetings.
- 35 • Provide parents/students with 4 1/2 week student progress reports.
- 36 • Request parent signatures on 9-week progress reports.
- 37 • Stagger high school and elementary parent-teacher conferences to avoid conflict for parents
38 who have children attending more than one school.
- 39 • Provide after-school tutoring which promotes regular parent communication regarding
40 student progress.

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- Conduct parent/student orientation for all newly enrolled freshman students.
- Expand the student mentoring program.

3. Improve community communication and input into school system policies:

Strategies:

- Advertise all meetings in newspapers and on radio stations.
- Arrange to have school board meetings at each school site at least once each year.
- Regularly showcase positive aspects of our school system at monthly meetings.
- The school system will appoint a Family and Community Advisory Council which will review system family involvement policies annually and based on input from the local community recommend changes as needed.
- The Advisory Council will report the system's progress toward reaching these goals to the Obion County School Board at least once each semester.