

Parental Engagement for Gibson County High School

Gibson County High School encourages parental involvement in helping to meet the educational needs of the students. Opportunities for parental involvement will occur in several areas and additional opportunities will arise as the school year progresses.

I. Opportunities for volunteering

- A. The Drama Department will continue to welcome the assistance of parents in creating sets, helping design costumes, and assisting with lighting and sound.
- B. Gibson County Idol hosted by the Vocal Music Department will be a favorite activity for volunteers and guests.
- C. Band parents are encouraged to continue attending competitions, chaperoning students, altering uniforms, hauling equipment or any other area where their skills are welcomed.
- D. Beta Club parents will continue to serve as chaperones for the annual Beta Club Convention, as well as other Beta-sponsored trips.
- E. Parents of athletes are encouraged to join and participate in the activities of the Quarterback Club and other Booster Club organizations
- F. Parents will continue to assist in the Special Olympics competitions.

II. Parent Education

- A. Parent Night will be held at the beginning of the school year, offering parents the opportunity to meet teachers and actually run through the student's schedules. This will enable them to receive a class syllabus and an explanation of the teacher's expectations for the class, along with the standards for the class.
- B. The School Counselors will continue to hold financial aid meetings for juniors and seniors desiring to continue their education. In addition, they will hold information meetings on the Tennessee Diploma Project for 8th and 9th Graders and their parents.
- C. Frequent news articles in the local papers will inform parents of educational successes and opportunities.
- D. The school web page will be kept up to date, keeping parents informed of extracurricular activities, cafeteria offerings, testing dates, progress report/report card dates, and other pertinent information. A blog will also be utilized on this site.
- E. The Parent Advisory Committee will schedule training opportunities for parents on relevant topics, such as Internet Safety, Health issues, and State and Local Assessment, as determined by the committee and/or requested by parents.
- F. Constant Contact will be utilized to inform parents of school activities, important dates, upcoming testing, report cards, and other important information.
- G. For the first time, Parent Portal will be used, offering parents the opportunity to see their child's current grades and any missing assignments in all subjects.

III. Shared Responsibility for Student Performance

- A. A School-Parent Compact will be developed by a committee of parents and teachers and distributed to each student and parent. These will be discussed and signed voluntarily at the beginning of the year. They will be kept on file.
- B. Counselors will meet with rising 8th graders and parents in a group setting, as well as individually.
- C. The director of the WIA Tutoring At-Risk students will contact parents by phone reporting successes and asking for help when needed.
- D. 8th Grade Expo will be held again this year.
- E. The school will provide materials and training to enable parents to assist students with class projects.
- F. The school will continue with the Intervention Block and teachers will notify parents of additional ways to help the students.
- G. Strict attention will be given to IEP's, making certain that they are held on time and attended by the designated participants.

IV. Parent-Teacher Conferences

- A. Two Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held, one each semester.
- B. Teachers and Parents are encouraged to talk by phone, or hold scheduled conferences at any time.
- C. Teacher email addresses will continue to be provided on the school web page, offering parents an additional means of contact.

V. Parent participation in school decision-making

- A. The Parent Advisory Committee will meet 2-3 times per year and will have the responsibility of revising the School Parent Compact, Parent Involvement Plan, and scheduling relevant parent training opportunities. The committee for 2010-2011 will be made up of the current members, plus a representative from the incoming Freshman class.
- B. During the SACS accreditation process, parents will be asked to fill out surveys, serve on planning committees, and attend the SACS review held in the spring.