

Parental Involvement Policy

The board recognizes the critical role of parents in the education of their children at OHCS. Each family has signed the Parent/Guardian covenant outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook, detailing the opportunities available to parents to be involved at OHCS, at home, and in the community.

Annual Notifications

The principal or designee shall annually notify parents of the following information to the extent that it has not already been provided to parents as part of the parent guide for student achievement:

- a. parental rights related to student records
- b. parental rights related to student surveys (please see OHCS charter for detailed information)
- c. the approximate dates of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is: (a) required as a condition of attendance, (b) administered and scheduled in advance by the school administration and (c) not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of students;
- d. student behavior policies; (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)
- e. Behavior and discipline policies; (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)
- f. Student and Parent Grievance Procedure; (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)
- g. the dates of state-mandated tests that students will be required to take during that school year, how the results from the tests will be used and whether each test is required by the State Board of Education. (Please consult the school calendar for testing dates)
- h. grading practices that will be followed at the school. (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)
- i. a clear and concise explanation of the North Carolina testing and accountability system that includes all information required by federal law; (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)
- j. supportive services available to students, including health services;

k. for parents of students in grades 5 through 12, information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia and human papillomavirus, including the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination and places parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children;

l. for parents of children with disabilities, procedural safeguards

m. education rights of homeless students (please see Parent/Student Handbook for details)

E. Procedures for Parental Involvement in Student Health

No policy, procedure or form will expressly or otherwise prohibit school employees from notifying parents about their children's mental, emotional or physical health or well-being or a change in related services or monitoring, nor will any school district policy, procedure or form intentionally encourage or be designed in a manner that is reasonably likely to have the effect of encouraging any children to withhold from their parents information about their mental, emotional or physical health or well-being or a change in related services or monitoring. School personnel shall not discourage or prohibit parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional or physical health or well-being.

2. Discussions Related to Student Well-Being

When issues of a student's well-being arise, school personnel shall encourage the student to discuss the issues with his or her parent. As appropriate, appropriate school personnel or designee may facilitate discussions of such issues with parents.

3. Parent Access to Student Records

Parents will not be prohibited from accessing any of their children's education and health records created, maintained, or used by the school district, except as permitted by law.

4. Instruction on Gender Identity, Sexual Activity and Sexuality

Instruction on gender identity, sexual activity or sexuality will not be included in the curriculum provided in kindergarten through fourth grade, regardless of whether the information is provided by school personnel or third parties. For purposes of this subsection, curriculum includes the materials outlined in

the school's charter and support materials, but does not include responses to student-initiated questions.

5. Remedies for Parental Concerns Related to Student Health

If a parent has a concern about the school's procedure or practice the parent should submit the concern in writing to the principal. The principal or designee shall schedule and hold a meeting with the parent within five business days after the concern was submitted. The principal shall conduct any necessary investigation. If possible, the principal should resolve the concern within seven days after the concern was submitted.

If the concern has not been resolved within 15 days after the parent initially submitted the concern, the board or designee shall schedule a board hearing to be conducted. If the concern is not resolved 30 days after the parent initially submitted the concern, the board will provide a statement of the reasons for not resolving the concern.