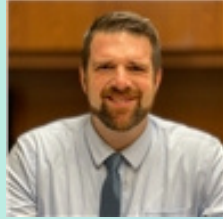


THE OSPREY NEWS

Oak Hammock Middle School "The Relentless Pursuit of High Expectations"



David Howdyshell,
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Osprey Families:

School selection will be a very big topic in the next few months for all Oak Hammock families. All middle school students will be impacted by school selection this year. 6th and 7th grade students will need to be aware how the middle school proximity based assignment plan impacts them and 8th grade students will be able to begin viewing options for high school. To make these selections parents will need a Focus Parent Portal account. If you want information on this process prior to these windows beginning use the links to the [Proximity Plan](#) and [Student Enrollment](#) pages on the district website.

**“LEADERSHIP is not a position
or a title, it is ACTION and
EXAMPLE!”**



Carl Falk
AP Curriculum



Jinellie Morales
AP Discipline
A - Lopez



Dennis Quisenberry III
AP Discipline
Lopez - Z



**Osprey
Administrators**

IB CORNER

Learner Profile Trait for November



Communicators

Communicators express themselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. They collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of others.





Strategies to Help Resolve Conflicts



- 1. Model empathy-** Listening and showing empathy helps kids feel understood, but it also helps them learn how to empathize with others.
- 2. Practice talking about feelings-** Teach your child to use “I feel” statements when upset with a friend so they learn to focus on how a behavior affected them without resorting to blaming.
- 3. Practice brainstorming solutions-** Have your child describe to you what happened from their point of view and then have them brainstorm 3 solutions. Next, have them retell the conflict from the other persons perspective and then brainstorm 3 solutions. Last, review with your child solutions that would work for all parties involved in the conflict.

Brittany Bruce

6th Grade A thru J
8th Grade

Brittanymbr@leeschools.net

Janel Stoughton

6th Grade K thru Z
7th Grade

Brittanymbr@leeschools.net

Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

PBIS

Osprey Bucks

Collected from the Osprey Cart on

1156 # of Orange
(Character)



991 # of Blue
(Academic)



Total 2147

Next Osprey Cart on
Nov 17th !



SAC Meeting

Our monthly SAC meeting was held on Thursday, October 26th. Information about student choice

boards, proximity zones and DAC meetings. The next **SAC meeting** will be held on **November 30th at 8:00am**. Hope to see you there!



Corner

AVID Coordinator,
Jessica Boisbel

Upcoming Events for AVID

November 10

AVID Honor Roll Party

November 15

Empowerment Night

November 29

6th Grade College Visit

December 6

Professional Day

December 11

Semester 2 AVID Application Due

December 15

Quarter 2 Community Service Due

December 20

Oakie Appreciation III

December 21

End of Quarter 2

Parent Involvement

By Vanessa Acevedo

5 Benefits of Volunteering

- It Makes a Difference in Your Child's Education
- You Get to Know the Teachers, Staff, and Other Parents
- Giving Back Makes Schools Better
- It Gives You a Chance to Showcase Your Skills
- Volunteering is Good for Your Health



Starting November 6th, we will kick off our annual food drive for the **Gladiolus Food Pantry** in Fort Myers. We are asking for donations of any non-perishable food especially those centering around the Thanksgiving holiday such as:

- Stuffing
- Canned Corn
- Green Beans
- Cranberry Sause
- Instant Mashed Potatoes

Food will be collected until **Wednesday, November 15th**. Any questions, please contact Shayne Murphy ext. 217.



Oak Hammock Cell Phone Policy

Parents, please make sure that you talk with your students about turning off their cell phones and keeping them in their backpack during the entire school day. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the school at 239-693-0469.



It **STARTS** *With the* **ARTS**

ARTS CORNER

Lead Magnet Teacher, John Hardman

Exciting events are planned for the Arts Department this month.

- On November 9th and 10th, the **Music Department** will have its 2023-2024 solo and ensemble competition.
- On November 16th, our choir director, Mr. Rivera, will host the **Sing Your Heart Out competition** at 6:30pm in the gymnasium.
- On November 25th, Ms. Bosco's dance team will perform at the **Gulf Coast Town Center Tree Lighting Ceremony**.

We hope to see you there!

Cross Country at the Oak



Athletic Director, Michael Harney



Boys and Girls Cross Country Claim Regional Titles

A huge shout out to our boys and girls cross country teams for sweeping the regional titles on 10/23rd at Veterans Park. Both teams have won this title for the past three years. We also ended up having 11 All-Regional Runners. Congratulations on another successful season!



Girls Track

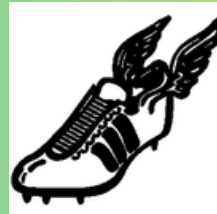
- Teagan Ausman
- Josie Ballinger
- Sabrina Delaney
- Eliana Garcia
- Jenna Manning
- Lily Mehler
- Kendra Munoz
- Guadalupe Nato-Ocampo
- Kate Rojas
- Addison Royer
- Hannah Schelm
- Savannah Stahl
- Isabella Stokes
- Emma Sushil
- Tia tension
- Ellayna Wiersma



Boys Track

- Adam Beard
- Klayton Boogard
- Christopher Dos Santos Gomez
- Esteban Escalante
- Moises Garcia
- Jason Hernandez
- Ian Janoschka
- Shane Justice
- Layne Love
- Myles McClemore
- Caleb Preciado
- Beau Rassat
- Tucker Rassat
- Phillip Rudlow
- Alexander Stokes
- Dylan Tiedeman
- Eddy Tomas
- Wade Townsend
- Daniel Vasquez
- Sergio Vasquez
- Grayson Yancey

***Team Manager – Malia McClemore



*** Team Manager Jowell Gonzalez

Volleyball at the Oak

Athletic Director, Michael Harney



2023 OHMS Volleyball Schedule

November 6th@Fort Myers M.S
 November 8thH-Varsity Lakes
 November 13thH- Dunbar M.S
 November 15thH- Fort Myers M.S
 November 27th.....@ Varsity Lakes
 November 29th@Dunbar M.S
 December 7th.....H- Rd 2 Playoffs
 December 11th.....QTR Finals Boys
 December 12th.....QTR Final Girls
 December 13th.....Semi-Final Boys
 December 14thSemi- Final Girls
 December 19th.....Final

**** Games start at 5:45
 **** Boys play first M/T
 **** Girls play first W/TH

PLEASE COME
 OUT AN
 SUPPORT OUR
 ATHLETES!



Mark Your Calendar
 Dates to Remember
OHMS Events



Dunbar High School Robotics Presentation (8th Grade Only)	November 15th
Dance Team at Gulf Coast Town Center	
Tree Lighting Ceremony	November 25th
OHMS SAC Meeting (8:00 AM)	November 30th
Picture Retakes	December 4th
OHMS SAC Meeting (8:00 AM)	December 21st

Out-of-Field Teachers

Florida State Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. As of 08.10.21 the following teachers at Oak Hammock Middle School are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

SPAR report http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist_schl=36_382
Report Card report:
https://www.leeschools.net/our_schools/school_report_cards?SchoolNumber=382

J. Beekharry
R. Burnup
O. Fils
A. Morris

J. Biddle
M. Colina
S. Galatz
C. Palmer

J. Boisbel
H. Ear
A. Gerlin
J. Winn

A. Bugg
C. Faust
K. Lora
C. Woolverton



Kellie Amabile, Media Para

- Master's degree in social work from Western Michigan University
- Married with 2 boys. Love spending time with family, going on road trips, and attending concerts.

I am so happy to have joined the Oak Hammock Ospreys!



What's New in the Media Center



One of the most popular book series in the library: **Percy Jackson & The Olympians by Rick Riordan**

Book 1 of 5: The Lightning Thief: Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

IB Learner Profile Students of the Month



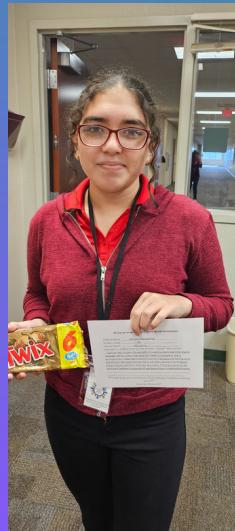
Month of October
IB Trait:

Inquirers



8th Grade

- Antoinise Bernard
- Zyon Brown
- Octavious Caez-Fuentes
- Zander Ennis
- Qasim Jambour
- Yliana Lopez-Lopez
- Connor Perrin
- Shankeria Williams
- Carrie Zheng



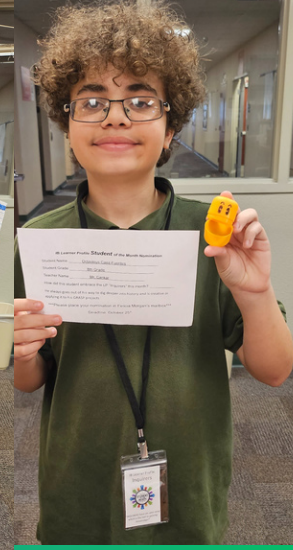
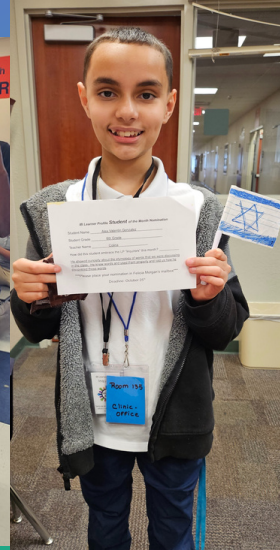
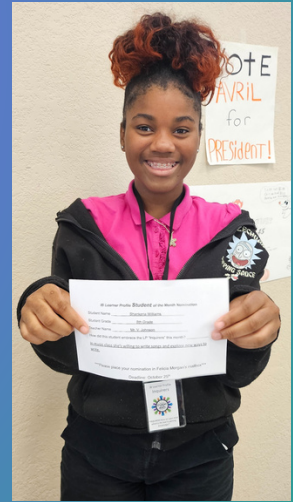
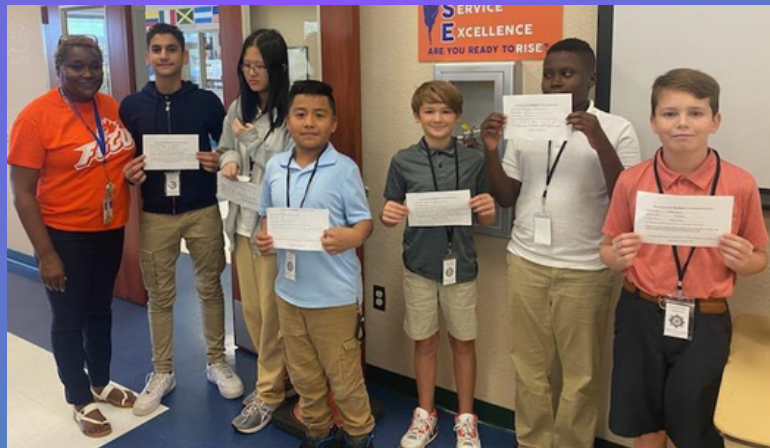
7th Grade

- Zaya Haas
- William Shaw
- Samuel Thely

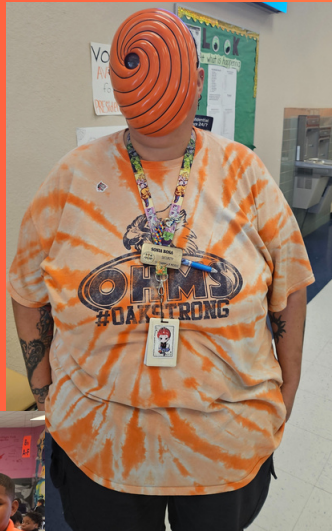


6th Grade

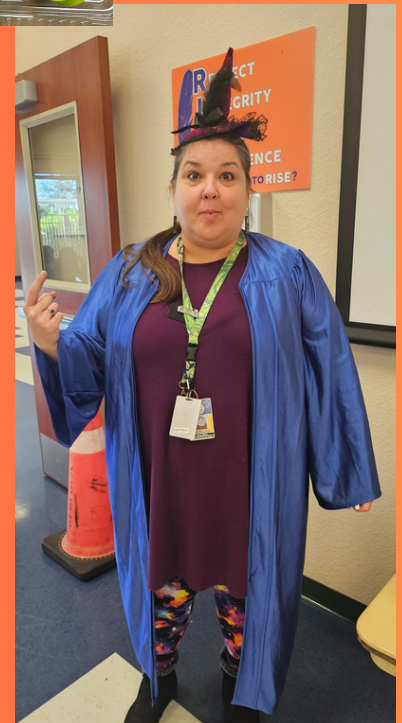
- Katherine Bolt
- Devin Brauning
- Abbigail Conroy
- Nick Feliz
- Manny Fernando
- Alex Valentin Gonzalez
- Joshua Louis
- Kate Rojas



HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE OAK!



IB Celebration Day
Learner Profile Trait: Inquirers
Color: Orange





Oak Hammock Middle Helping Hands Caring Hearts

OAK HAMMOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

SERVICE PROJECT

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) school, one of the Learner Profile traits is CARING. This Learner Profile trait was taught and demonstrated throughout the month of October.

Students



With the help of staff, students and the community we were able to fill 452 book bags full of toiletries, entertainment items, school supplies and non-perishable food items. Book bags were delivered to Ruth Rains Middle School in Cross City, Florida on October 16th.

Helping Hands **Caring** Hearts



Organizations that supported this effort:

Mt. Hermon Ministries ✨ North Law Firm ✨ Jevon Kearse Foundation



Osprey Writing Challenge

OCTOBER 2023
OSPREY WRITING CHALLENGE



TARAJI GRANT
POETRY

8th Grade
"Title of Poem"

OCTOBER 2023
OSPREY WRITING CHALLENGE

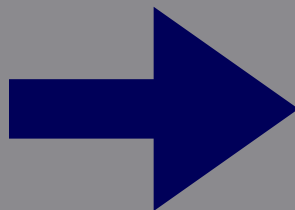


RY'SEAN MILLER
CREATIVE WRITING

7th Grade
"Title"



November's Challenge



Challenge #1

- Write an essay about a person in your life whom you are grateful for and explain why.
- Describe a fictional character's journey as they learn the value of kindness and giving.

Challenge #2

- Share a poem about a unique cultural tradition or celebration that your family participates in.
- Write a poem incorporating this month's IB Learner Profile trait Communicator.

Osprey Writing Challenge
Sponsored by:
Cape Credit Repair LLC

Website: <https://capecreditrepair.com/>

Band/Choir students attend fieldtrip to FGCU's Bower School of Music



On Wednesday, October 25th, Band and Choir students attended a "Music Major Day" field trip hosted by NAFME at Florida Gulf Coast University's Bower School of Music. During this time, students got to participate in music courses, interview current music majors about their coursework, and view performances and presentations from Music Therapy students and both Music Education and Performance students. The day ended with a tour of FGCU including the music facilities. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to view higher education and the Arts as a career path!



School
Public
Accountability
Reports

The School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs), which contains each public school's report card, is made available each year. Below is a link to the Florida Department of Education Report Card site: <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>

The link to the Oak Hammock Report Card is as follows:

<https://edudata.fldoe.org/ReportCards/Schools.html?school=0382&district=36> or click on the following:

[Oak Hammock School Report Card](#)

Please take some time to navigate through the information



Orchestra attends FGCU for their annual Orchestra Solo & Ensemble



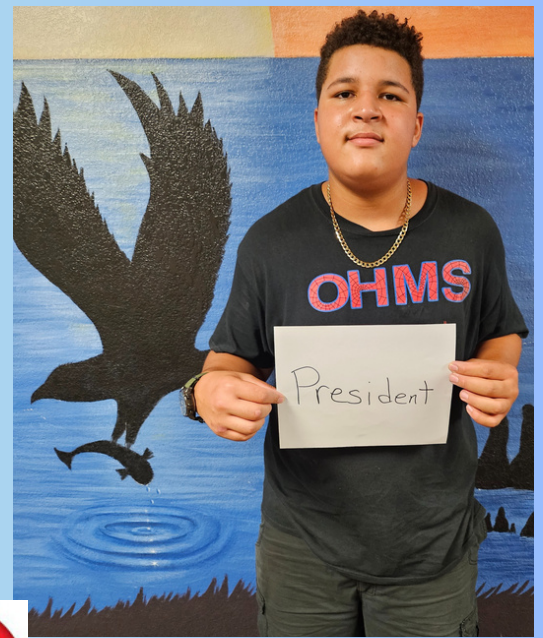
On Saturday, November 4th, **Anastasia Wills** (6th), **Emma Faulkner** (8th), **Elaina Fowler** (8th), **Rileigh Hermosillo** (8th) represented Oak Hammock Middle School at **Orchestra Solo & Ensemble** held at FGCU. With Anastasia, Emma, and Rileigh playing solos, and Elaina, Emma, and Rileigh playing a trio, 2 Superior ratings (the highest possible rating) were achieved along with an Excellent and Good rating! Congratulations on your outstanding performances!

A huge shout out goes out to our **Band/Orchestra teacher, Ms. Stasiowski** for her efforts!

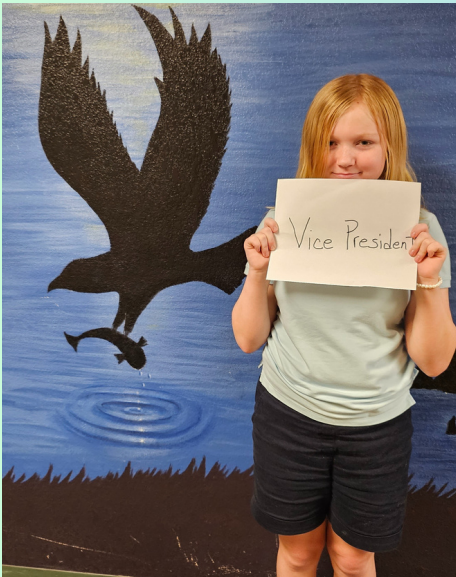


Meet our New Student Council Members 2023-2024

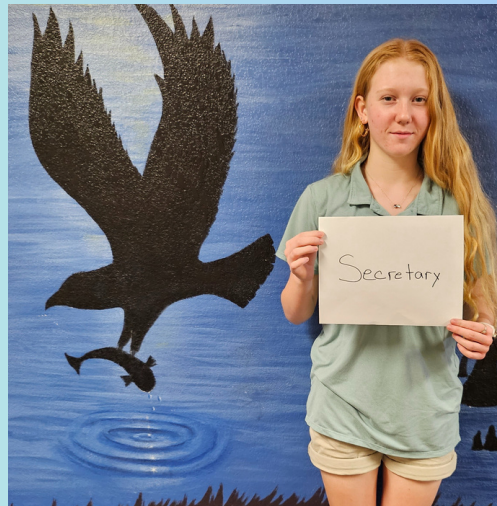
The swearing-in ceremony for our new Student Council members was held on Monday, November 6th. This year the council is planning to focus on identifying the concerns of students, faculty, staff and administrators in the upcoming weeks. They also plan on holding 'midterm' elections for grade-level representatives. Congratulations to our new leaders!



Graydon Bullard
President



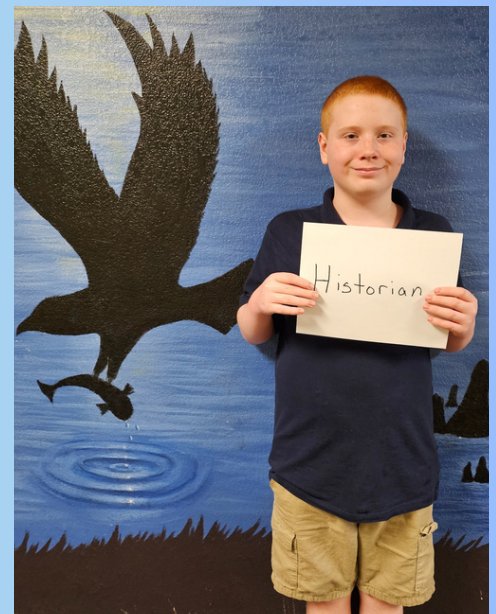
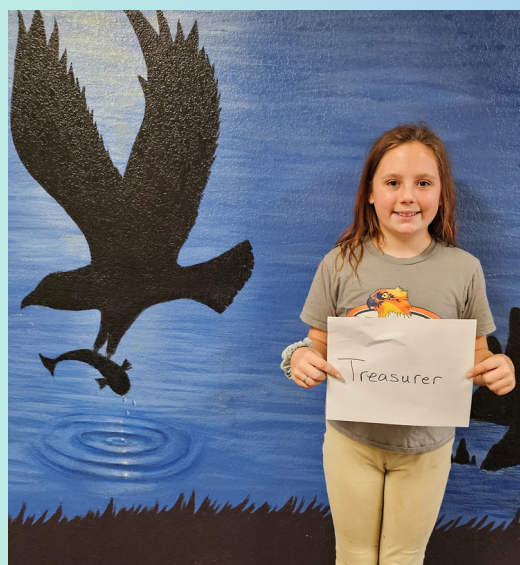
Cadence Hill
Vice President



Kaydence Trask
Secretary



Kenli White
Treasurer



Chase Downam
Historian



My Future Fair at the Oak

Oak Hammock Middle School sponsored it's first **My Future Fair** under the guidance of our **AVID Coordinator, Jessica Boisbel**.



In attendance were various community businesses, along with community leaders and several area schools. It was a great night to see our students and parents engage with the community.

My Future Fair at the Oak

Community partners included:

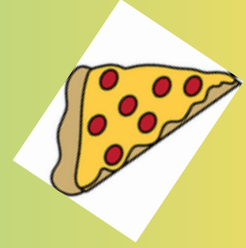
- Gateway High School
- FGCU
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Mr. Howard Sapp
- W.C.A. Photography



- Florida Repertory Theatre
- School Board Member
- Home Depot
- Hideout Boutique
- Fyzical Therapy & Balance Center
- Simmons Lawn Care



National Family Literacy Month



November 1 marks the beginning of the National Family Literacy celebration, and that first day is appointed as National Family Literacy Day. Started in 1994, the celebration seeks to spread awareness and foster family literacy by encouraging parents and caregivers to read to their children.

Going into Quarter 2, A.R. will be utilized throughout the school. The Reading Department will be taking the lead on A.R. this year. Also, we will be incentivizing students to meet their goal with some common Oakie favorites such as Osprey Bucks, snacks, pizza parties, and more! The best way students can meet their goal is by silently reading 30 minutes a night. In honor of National Family Literacy, you could even spend one night a week reading to your child! 😊



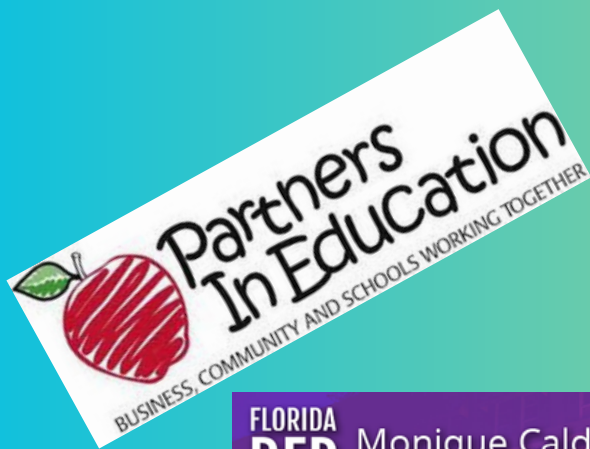
Respect
Integrity
Service
Excellence



Are you ready to RISE?



Oak Hammock Business Partners



Partnerships between businesses and schools within the community is vital in making a difference in the life of a child!



FortifyFl is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. Click on the link below for details.



<https://www.leeschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=676305&pageId=4643985>

Parents' Bill of Rights

Parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, and health care

Parental rights

1. All parental rights are reserved to the parent of a minor child in this state without obstruction or interference from the state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution, including, but not limited to, all of the following rights of a parent of a minor child in this state:
 - a. The right to direct the education and care of his or her minor child.
 - b. The right to direct the upbringing and the moral or religious training of his or her minor child.
 - c. The right, pursuant to s. 1002.20(2)(b) and (6), to apply to enroll his or her minor child in a public school or, as an alternative to public education, a private school, including a religious school, a home education program, or other available options, as authorized by law.
 - d. The right, pursuant to s. 1002.20(13), to access and review all school records relating to his or her minor child.
 - e. The right to make health care decisions for his or her minor child, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
 - f. The right to access and review all medical records of his or her minor child, unless prohibited by law or if the parent is the subject of an investigation of a crime committed against the minor child and a. law enforcement agency or official requests that the information not be released.
Board Policy 4.19 - Student Records
 - g. The right to consent in writing before a biometric scan of his or her minor child is made, shared, or stored.
 - h. The right to consent in writing before any record of his or her minor child's blood or deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) is created, stored, or shared, except as required by general law or authorized pursuant to a court order.
 - i. The right to consent in writing before the state or any of its political subdivisions makes a video or voice recording of his or her minor child unless such recording is made during or as part of a court proceeding or is made as part of a forensic interview in a criminal or Department of Children and Families investigation or is to be used solely for the following purposes:
 1. A safety demonstration, including the maintenance of order and discipline in the common areas of a school or on student transportation vehicles;
 2. A purpose related to a legitimate academic or extracurricular activity;
 3. A purpose related to regular classroom instructions;
 4. Security or surveillance of buildings or grounds; or
 5. A photo identification card.

The **Media Release form** is available in the **Focus Parent Portal** at the beginning of each school year. Please contact your child's school for more information or questions.

- j. The right to be notified promptly if an employee of the state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution suspects that a criminal offense has been committed against his or her minor child, unless the incident has first been reported to law enforcement or the Department of Children and Families and notifying the parent would impede the investigation.

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