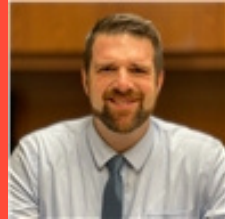


# THE OSPREY NEWS



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



**David Howdyshell,**  
Principal

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Osprey Families:

As we reach the end of the quarter it is important to remind all parents that you need to have a Focus Parent Portal account and be actively checking it on a regular basis. There are several important events coming up that require access to items in Focus. First, we will have Report Cards going out for Quarter 1. All Report Cards will be digital and there will be no paper copies. The Report Card can only be viewed in the Focus Parent Portal. Next, we will have student assignment selections upcoming. All 8th grade students will need to make their selections for high school. These selections can also only be done through the Focus parent portal. Finally, all 6th and 7th grade students will be receiving information regarding middle school proximity. For the next school year, it is anticipated that our proximity zones will have an impact on a large chunk of families. As these changes occur, your election options for your students will be completed through the Focus Parent portal as well. If you have any questions about accessing or using your parent portal account, please contact the front office or visit [https://www.leeschools.net/our\\_schools/focus](https://www.leeschools.net/our_schools/focus) for more information.



**Carl Falk**  
AP Curriculum

**"We are  
Oak Hammock Middle School  
administrators...  
What's Your SUPER Power?"**



**Jinellie Morales**  
AP Discipline  
A - Lopez



**Dennis Quisenberry III**  
AP Discipline  
Lopez - Z



**Osprey  
Administrators**

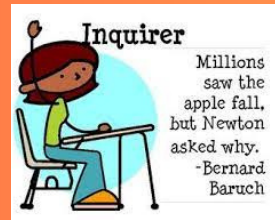
## IB CORNER



Learner Profile Trait for October

### Inquirers

Inquirers are students who have developed a natural curiosity. They want to know more about the world. They are willing to engage in explorations that will lead to discoveries. They are eager to ask the questions that will help them answer those questions.



# ENGAGED

- P**LEDGE TO BE INVOLVED
- A**TTEND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS
- R**EACH OUT TO SCHOOL LEADERS
- E**STABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH TEACHERS
- N**EVER HESITATE TO ASK
- T**AKE TIME WITH YOUR CHILD

# Parent Involvement

By Vanessa Acevedo



A parent teacher conference is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share your child's strengths and needs.

To schedule a PTC please contact:  
Ms. Acevedo at 239-693-0469 ext. 220 or by email at [vanessaa@leeschools.net](mailto:vanessaa@leeschools.net)



## How can school counselors help your child?

We can assist your child in managing personal issues, tracking their progress towards promotion, helping them manage their emotions, and just lend an ear if they need someone to speak with.

## How can my child or myself get in touch with their counselor?

-Email their counselor

-Parents can call the school or email the counselor and ask the counselor to meet with their child.

### **Brittany Bruce**

6th Grade A thru J  
8th Grade

[Brittanyubr@leeschools.net](mailto:Brittanyubr@leeschools.net)

### **Janel Stoughton**

6th Grade K thru Z  
7th Grade

[Brittanyubr@leeschools.net](mailto:Brittanyubr@leeschools.net)



- **Students who attend school regularly achieve higher scores than students who don't attend.**
- **Regular attendance and punctuality are important life skills**
- **By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.**
- **Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.**



## Corner

AVID Coordinator,  
Jessica Boisbel

## Upcoming Events for AVID

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>October 2</b>  | <b>Custodian Appreciation Day</b>            |
| <b>October 4</b>  | <b>Professional Day</b>                      |
| <b>October 6</b>  | <b>Quarter 1 Community Service Due</b>       |
| <b>October 16</b> | <b>AVID Community Service Project</b>        |
| <b>October 27</b> | <b>AVID Sponsored Fall Lock In 4pm - 8pm</b> |
| <b>November 1</b> | <b>Professional Day</b>                      |
| <b>November 7</b> | <b>Oakie Appreciation Day II</b>             |
| <b>November 8</b> | <b>Future Planning Fair</b>                  |



# Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

## Osprey Bucks

Collected from the Osprey Cart on

**1856 # of Orange**  
(Character)



**1598 # of Blue**  
(Academic)



**Total 3454**

Next  
Osprey Cart  
on 10/20!

## Attention Parents:



Students should read  
15 minutes nightly.



## 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.



## Osprey Sports

Athletic Director, Michael Harney

### 2023 - 2024 Basketball Schedule

September 6th ..... @Fort Myers Middle  
 September 11th ..... Varsity Lakes Middle  
 September 13th ..... @Dunbar Middle School  
 September 18th ..... Fort Myers Middle  
 September 20th ..... @Varsity Lakes  
 September 27th ..... Dunbar Middle  
 October 5th ..... Rd 2 Playoffs Home-Girls 1st  
 October 9th ..... QTR Finals- TBA  
 October 11th ..... Semi-Finals- TBA  
 October 17th ..... Basketball Finals

Parents, please come out and show your support!



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

## ARTS CORNER

Lead Magnet Teacher, John Hardman

Exciting events are planned for the arts department this month!

- Dance team auditions will be Sept. 7.
- All arts students will kick off their popcorn fundraiser Sept. 19.
- Visual arts students will be showcasing their work at the Lee County Public Education Center for Design & Dreams—the largest student show in Florida. The show opening is on Sept. 19 from 5pm-7pm.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Hardman at [johnchar@leeschools.net](mailto:johnchar@leeschools.net)

# 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/nclbspar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist\\_schl=36\\_382](http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1617/nclb1617.cfm?dist_schl=36_382)  
Report Card report:  
[https://www.leeschools.net/our\\_schools/school\\_report\\_cards?SchoolNumber=382](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**

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## Parent Involvement and Family Engagement

As a Title I School in Lee County, Oak Hammock Middle School receives additional funding for the purpose of improving student academic and behavioral achievement via teacher training, hiring additional staff, purchasing instructional materials and supplies, offering parent workshops and parenting materials/resources, and supporting parent and family involvement. Oak Hammock Middle follows a Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), which was discussed and reviewed last Spring to obtain input and feedback. It was also part of the Title I Meeting on September 28th and discussed at the SAC Meeting.

During these meetings, parents/guardians, stakeholders, SAC members and staff provided input in the areas of defining activities that build capacity for strong parent involvements, staff training, and activities that relate to student achievement.

Throughout the year, Oak Hammock Middle will have various events and activities we would love for you to participate in. We know time is a valuable resource and as a result, we will share these via our school calendar (on our school website - [ohm.leeschools.net](http://ohm.leeschools.net)), school messenger (phone message, email, and/or text). We have already had a Donuts with the Principal Event, Volunteer Breakfast, and Heritage Celebration Night.

## Parent Involvement and Family Engagement Plan

Oak Hammock's Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been disseminated to stakeholders via School Messenger (link and/or email link), available on the school website, and upon request. Please take the time to review the plan if you haven't already done so.



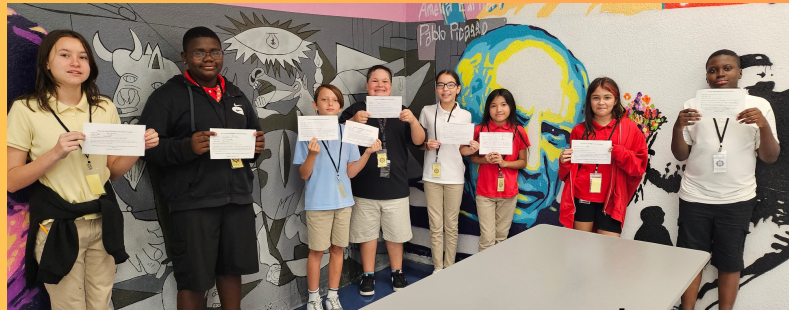
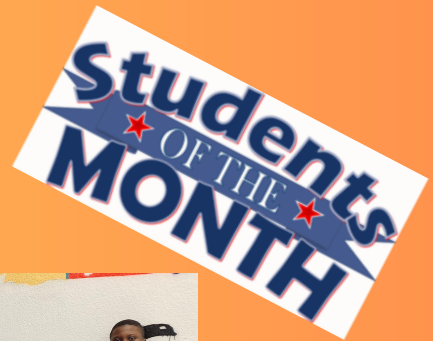


# IB Learner Profile Students of the Month

## Month of September

### IB Trait:

# Caring



## 8th Grade

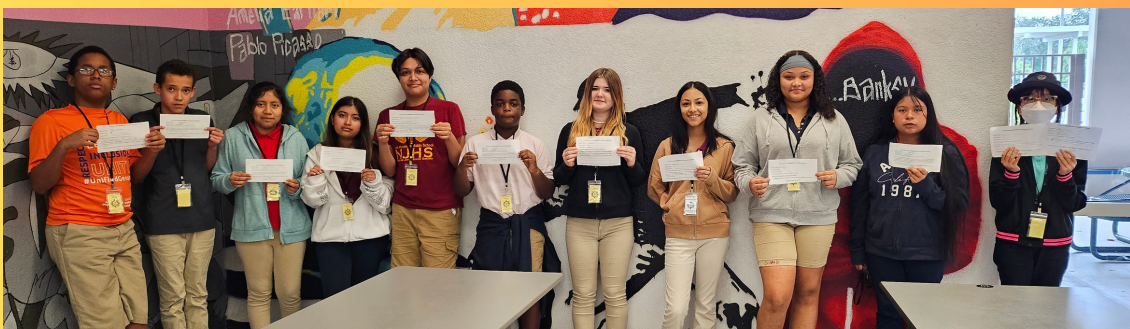
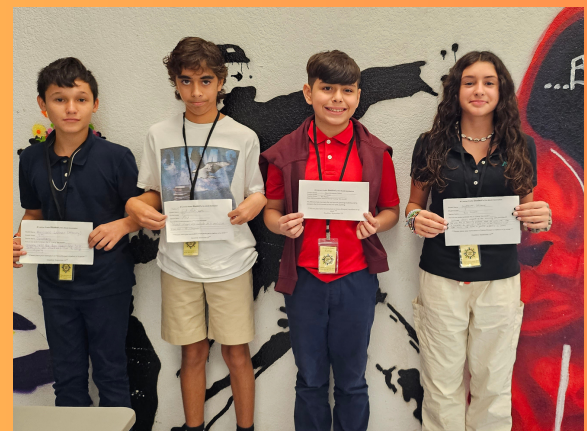
Natalia Alfonso-Bautista  
Taylor Chodakowsky  
Destiney Fleming  
Maida Francisco  
Emanuel Gonzalez-Mata  
Michael Gustavo Torres  
Kimberly Juan Gonzalez  
Juana Lux-Pu  
Ai'Asia Marchese  
Victor Prado  
Isabella Rodriguez

## 7th Grade

Caelen Delaney  
Alex Francisco  
Oscar Hernandez Tobias  
Karly Kachelries  
Emiliano Leitner (Manny)  
Layne Love  
Ry'Sean Miller  
Jovan Moctezuma  
Nevaeh Pena  
Sid Rodriguez  
Julianne Southworth  
Victor Vazquez  
Jimmy Vasquez-Roblevo  
Kyle Wilson  
Ryann Yeo

## 6th Grade

Noemi Colon  
Ileana Cruz Longoria  
Indyah Marshall  
Estrella Mendoza  
Maidelyn Oliveria Serrano  
Caleb Opoku  
Colin Sutton  
Lea Tran







Students  
and  
faculty  
wore  
**red**



on

September 29th  
to celebrate  
the  
Learner  
Profile  
trait  
**CARING**







# Osprey Writing Challenge



Poetry  
**Emanuel Gonzalez-Mata**  
8th Grade  
"Born to Feast"



Creative Writing  
**Zaya Haas**  
7th Grade  
"Unsinkable Maddy"



## Osprey Writing Challenge Sponsored by: Cape Credit Repair LLC

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

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# September Perfect Attendance



Congratulations  
to  
**Ms. Fancelli**  
our 6th Grade  
History teacher for  
**perfect attendance** for  
the month of September!



YOU ARE MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE  
**EVERY**  
day.

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"More than 10 million Americans are living with cancer, and they demonstrate the ever-increasing possibility of living beyond cancer."

—Sheryl Crow

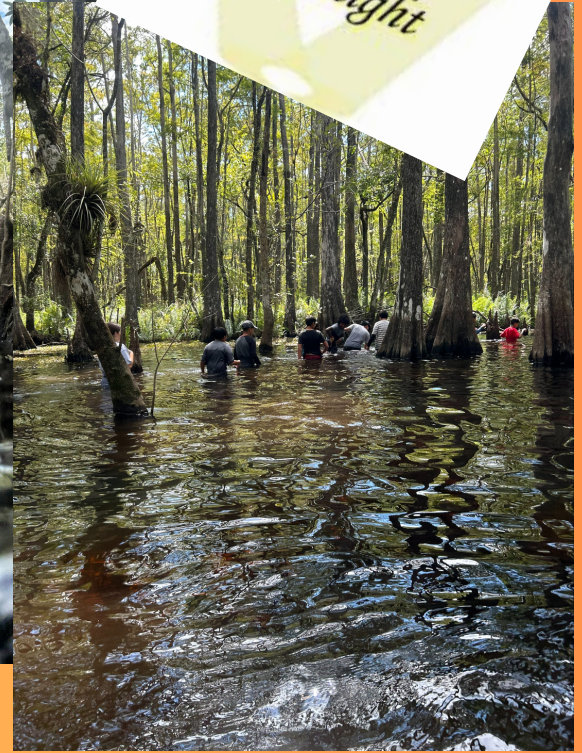
**OCTOBER IS  
BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**





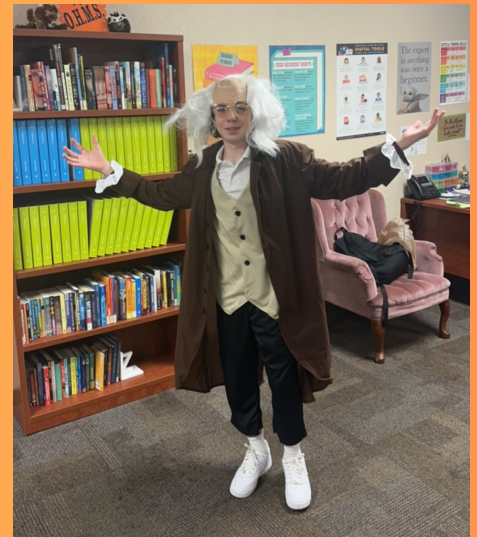
# 7th Grade Science

Our 7th grade students went on a field trip to the Six Mile Cypress Slough in September. Students learned about the importance of our watershed, various animals and how they are impacted by the slough. They also had the opportunity to participate in a wet walk in the low lying hammock! They had an amazing time!



# 8th Grade History

Each year Mr. Rust's 8th grade students study the Founding Fathers. Students had to research and create a presentation on the founding father of their choice. A few of the students decided to go above and beyond and dress up as the founding father they they researched.





# What is AVID up to?

In **AVID**  
We dress **Professional**  
So we can be **Successful**  
in the **Workplace.**

christopher  
samuel  
jacob  
Dalia  
Bryce  
Sara  
Jesse  
Nathan  
Amani  
Nadia  
Jaden

same

**Professional Day**



"IF YOU  
CAN DREAM  
IT, YOU CAN  
DO IT."



The AVID Induction Ceremony is a special and memorable event for all students and families.



The Ceremony was held on September 15th.



6th Grade - 67 students  
7th Grade - 72 students  
8th Grade - 49 students  
Total students Inducted: 188

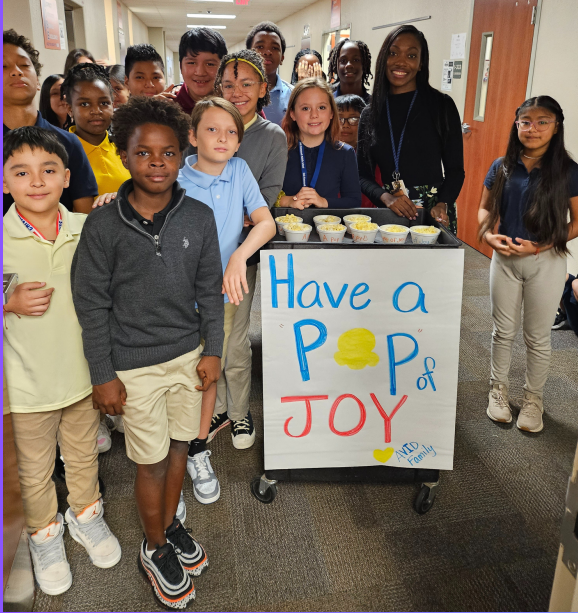




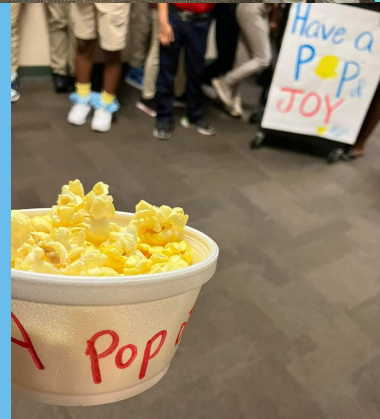


# What is **AVID** up to?

## POP OF JOY



During the week of Sept 26 AVID students went from classroom to classroom spreading JOY!



# A SPOOKY NIGHT

An AVID Sponsored Event

VIP Admissions: \$25

Includes early entrance to the event, 1 VIP Goody Bag, VIP Skip the Line Pass, early admissions to the Haunted Walk, 1 slice of Pizza or Hot Dog, Candy & 1 Juice Box (Only 75 VIP Tickets will be sold)

General Admissions: \$13

Includes entrance to the event, 1 slice of Pizza or Hot Dog & 1 Juice Box



## ATTRACTIONS

Dance Party, Game Room, Movie Room, Costume Contest, Murder Mystery, Board Games, Basketball, Soccer, Haunted

## PERMISSION SLIPS

Available starting  
**OCTOBER 13TH**

## PRIZES

Costume Contest Winners  
Paint a Pumpkin  
Murder Mystery Winner





October 2, 2023

Dear Families,

Oak Hammock Middle School would like to cordially invite you to attend and participate in our first **My Future Fair**, which will be held **Wednesday, November 8th, 2023, at 6:00pm** in our school's **gymnasium**.

Oak Hammock Middle school is a Title 1 school located in the Tice area in East Fort Myers. Our mission is to empower students to reach his or her highest potential by closing the achievement gap and preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

The **My Future Fair** will be opened to all our students and their families. We are hoping to have participation from local business and community partners, local colleges like yourself and high schools. The purpose of the fair is for students and families to understand the path one must take to reach their career goals.

As a participant, we are asking that you simply talk to the attendees about your school, similar to a college fair. As a small token of gratitude for your participation in the event, your company will be featured on our school website and all social media platforms. We will also place any banners or yard signs that you provide in front of our building for a period of 6 months.

To RSVP for this event, please contact our AVID Coordinator- Ms. Jessica Boisbel at [jessicabo@leeschools.net](mailto:jessicabo@leeschools.net) by October 25th.

Thank you for you time. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Oak Hammock Middle School

ADMINISTRATORS

David Howdyshele, Principal

Carl Falk, Assistant Principal

Dennis Quisenberry III, Assistant Principal

Jinelle Morales, Assistant Principal

**MY FUTURE FAIR**

# Oak Hammock Business Partners



**Did you know?**



The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries  
Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

## OHMS Perfect Attendance for September



624 Students  
51 Staff Members



# October Challenge

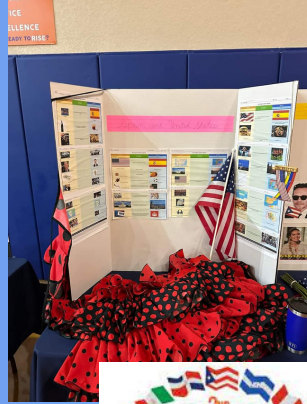


## OHMS Writing Challenge

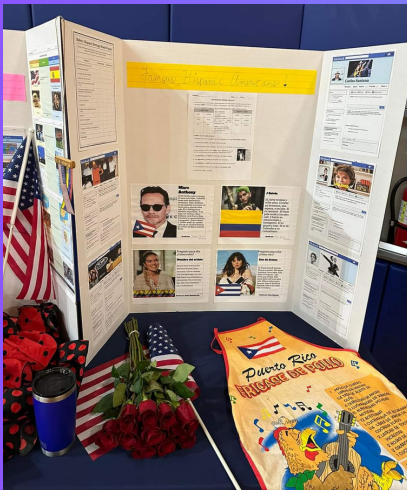
1. Write a short story set in a haunted mansion, where unexpected encounters occur.
2. Describe a spooky encounter with a friendly ghost during a camping trip.
3. Craft a dialogue between a curious child and a mischievous supernatural creature.
4. Write a short story about a child facing and overcoming their fear(s).
5. Write a cautionary tale about a child that ignores the advice of others.
6. Write a poem that evokes the eerie atmosphere of a fog-covered graveyard.







The Hispanic Heritage Festival was a great success! Thank you to all of the families and community members who attended!





# 1ST QUARTER ALEKS ESCAPE ROOM



## Parent Volunteer

Thank you for taking time out of your day and volunteering to support our students with their ALEKS escape room. Without you this wouldn't be possible.

Please select a time on the spreadsheet that you are available to volunteer. It is very important that you arrive at the appropriate time. If you come any later, the event will have already started. Due to changing classes we only have a set amount of time to start and finish the event.

You will be assigned a group of 5-7 students. Students will be scavenging the school looking for the teacher that has their next clue. You will need to follow and monitor students as they travel the building. So make sure you have your running shoes on!



Please email Mrs. Acevedo at [vanessaa@leeschools.net](mailto:vanessaa@leeschools.net) to schedule your allotted time.

(ANYONE WHO COMPLETED 3 PIE SLICES)



Respect  
Integrity  
Service  
Excellence



Are you ready to RISE?



# 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.

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