



SPARTAN COMPACT

The Oak Lawn Community High School Spartan Compact was developed to reinforce the school's Mission, Vision, and Value Statements. The Spartan Compact clearly identifies the roles of parents, students, and staff members in providing the best learning opportunities within the school-community.

As a Spartan Parent, I will...

1. **Share my education/behavior expectations with my student and reinforce positive learning habits at home.**
 - Encourage regular daily attendance and ensure my student is at school on time.
 - Review the school calendar to avoid scheduling appointments and planning trips on school days.
 - Realize the importance of completing homework and establishing a study routine at home.
 - Provide my student with an area at home that is conducive to learning.
 - Talk with my student about school on a regular basis.
 - Teach my student to treat others with respect and empathy.
2. **View school communications as two-way and contact staff members without hesitation.**
 - Read communications and newsletters received from the school and follow up with staff members for additional information.
 - Monitor my student's grades and request assistance if needed to access the online grade book program.
 - Communicate with teachers and school officials about my student if there are concerns and request meetings with staff as needed.
 - Notify the school of changes to my contact information.
3. **Participate in school-related activities that support my student's learning efforts and assist my student in becoming a life-long learner.**
 - Volunteer when possible (not only at OLCHS, but also complete service hours with my student at sites within the community).
 - Attend parent-teacher conferences, special education placement meetings, and other school-requested meetings.
 - Attend curriculum nights, guidance programs, and parent seminars.
 - Attend school functions that promote my student's current success, future endeavors, and personal well-being.
 - Encourage my student to visit colleges and post-secondary learning opportunities.
4. **Encourage my student to take an active role in the school-community.**
 - Encourage and support my student's interest and participation in academic, athletic, and extracurricular endeavors.
 - Encourage my student to begin service hours during freshman year and to continue earning service hours each semester.
5. **Embody SPARTAN PRIDE.**

As a Spartan Student, I will...

1. **Communicate with my parents as often as possible.**
 - Explain to my parents what I need for school so they can support my academic and extracurricular needs.
 - Help my parents navigate through the online grading system and other school technologies.
2. **Attempt to understand school concepts to the best of my ability.**
 - Contact my teachers and other staff members via email or in person.
 - Utilize the resource rooms and Media Center.
 - Ask questions to understand class content.
 - Attempt to complete homework, even if I don't fully understand the material.
3. **Promote an environment that is safe, secure, and conducive to learning.**
 - Treat others with respect and empathy.
 - Follow classroom rules and school policies.
 - Promote an environment that is free from harassment or intimidation.
 - Appreciate, respect, and celebrate diversity.
4. **Manage my time wisely.**
 - Prioritize tasks on a daily basis.
 - Complete homework on a daily basis and plan appropriately for research papers and class projects.
 - Study for tests and quizzes.
 - Review the school calendar to avoid scheduling appointments and planning trips on school days.
5. **Take an active role in planning for my future.**
 - Job shadow at places of interest to me.
 - Utilize the college and career center.
 - Seek guidance from counselors, advocates, and teachers when selecting my classes.
 - Discuss my post-secondary plans with my parents.
6. **Play an active role in my school-community.**
 - Participate in class discussions.
 - Participate in at least one extracurricular activity per semester, such as sports, clubs, or a service learning opportunity.
 - Complete at least six hours of community service per school year.
7. **Embody SPARTAN PRIDE.**

As a Spartan Staff Member, I will...

1. **Communicate with parents about the academic, emotional, and learning progress of students.**
 - Communicate with students and parents via email, phone, phone-messaging, and parent-teacher meetings.
 - Maintain accurate and updated attendance and academic performance records.
 - Provide information about school-related activities and events in a timely manner.
 - Promptly reply to inquiries regarding students.
 - Encourage students to seek staff members for additional assistance and to attend resource rooms.
2. **Assist parents with monitoring coursework and school expectations.**
 - Provide resources for parents and students to gain access to monitor grades and attendance records online.
 - Participate in shared decision-making with other school staff members and the student's family to assist students.
3. **Encourage and provide opportunities for parents to participate in the school-community.**
 - Promote an environment that encourages parents to volunteer and participate in school-related events.
 - Promote service learning opportunities.
4. **Provide an environment that is safe, secure, and conducive to learning.**
 - Maintain an environment that is welcoming to parents, students, and the community.
 - Promote an environment that is free from harassment or intimidation.
 - Enforce school policies in a firm, fair, and consistent manner.
5. **Engage students in a rigorous, challenging, and student-centered curriculum.**
 - Attend professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning.
 - Maintain courses that academically challenge and prepare students for post-high school opportunities.
 - Plan classroom lessons and activities that inspire, challenge, and empower students.
 - Provide resources to parents that help gain a better understanding of the school's curriculum offerings and student assessments.
6. **Embody SPARTAN PRIDE.**