

Trotwood-Madison City Schools

Mission Statement

The mission of the Trotwood-Madison City Schools is to graduate all students prepared to excel in a global society with a commitment to lifelong learning by guaranteeing a challenging curriculum facilitated by an innovative and dedicated staff, community participation and state-of-the-art resources in a stimulating atmosphere.

Family and Community Engagement

Trotwood Madison City Schools recognizes the importance of a school, family and community stakeholder partnership that ensures all students experience high levels of success. Using the Ohio Department of Education's Six Standards of Family Engagement, it is our goal to create a culture that supports student learning, rich educational experiences and the foundation necessary for students to excel as global citizens.

Research shows¹ that students with involved parents, regardless of family income and background are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Be promoted, pass their classes, and earn credits
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to post-secondary education

Family engagement is defined as being²:

- **A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.** Schools and other community organizations are committed to engaging families in meaningful and culturally respectful ways, and families are committed to actively supporting their children's learning and development.
- **CRADLE TO CAREER.** Engagement is continuous throughout a child's life, spanning from preschool programs such as Early Head Start to college and career.
- **ACROSS CONTEXTS.** Family engagement is carried out everywhere that children learn- at home, in prekindergarten programs, in school, in afterschool programs, in faith based institutions and in community programs and activities.

¹ Anne T. Henderson and Karen L. Mapp, A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family and Community Connections on Student Achievement (Austin TX: Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, 2002)

² National PTA, Urban Family Engagement Network Leader's Guide (2013)

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities vary by school (open to parents, families and community stakeholders) and generally fall into these categories: Instructional, Building Support, Special Events, and Organizations.

Instructional

Instructional volunteers provide student support with an emphasis on direct instruction on a regular basis under the direct supervision of professional educators, administrators, and/or certified staff.

Instructional Services can include, but are not limited to:

- Tutoring one-on-one or in small group settings in any subject
- Mentoring
- Literacy support

Building Support

Building Support volunteers supplement non-instructional time by assisting teachers and other educational support professional with the day-to-day tasks of the school organization. Building Support Service opportunities can include, but are not limited to:

- Performing clerical duties
- Organizing supplies and materials
- Copying, scanning and/or faxing non-confidential information for public dissemination
- Assisting visitors with sign-in and sign-out procedures

Special Events

Special Event volunteers help to facilitate classroom and school-wide special event activities and programming throughout the year. Opportunities can include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assisting with book fairs, festivals, field days, extended learning opportunities, open house, Back to School Bash, fundraising, etc.
- Supporting Career Days, College Fairs, parades, athletic events
- Helping with newsletters, yearbooks, publicity

Organizations

Parent and community organizations are encouraged to partner with schools to enrich the learning experiences for all students. Since each building is unique, there are unlimited opportunities to develop a cultural response to meet the needs of all families. Organization opportunities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- PTO, Parent Engagement Committee, Parent Liaison,
- 21st Century Grant- Before and After-school activities, off campus events, job-shadowing, RAMS Level Up, Boys to Men
- Community resources, agencies, and services