

Family Engagement Policy

F.A.S.T.- Families and Staff Together

Families and Staff Together is an opportunity for families and teachers to collaborate in our collective vision to make Great Oaks Wilmington the top middle and high school in the state. Members of the team will meet to plan events, address concerns, build partnerships, and raise funds. We will meet once a month throughout the year. Meeting information will be sent in advance.

Parent University Empowers Parents to Help Students Succeed

The motto of Great Oaks Wilmington Parent University is “Building Relationships In Delaware Grows Everyone – one partnership at a time.” Through partnerships with corporate and civic stakeholders, Parent University will empower parents to become more engaged in their children’s education. These educational programs prepare parents to create supportive home learning environments and encourage their children to become confident citizens.

Parent University Course Categories

- **Education:** Understanding high school options, becoming involved in your student’s school, Understanding options after high school, Financial Aid 101, How to return to school after a long time off, Understanding test scores, and much much more.
- **Family Health and Wellness:** Understanding teenage brain development, building healthy relationships, meditation, buying and cooking healthy, blood pressure screenings and much much more.
- **Capacity building:** Mastering Microsoft Office, learning basic computer skills, resume and interview preparation and development, financial literacy, investing, understanding credit scores and much much more.

Communication

At Great Oaks Wilmington we utilize a variety of tools and applications to communicate with our families. A weekly newsletter is sent out filled with updates and information from our different school departments. Our robocall system allows us to contact families schoolwide by phone and text message. In addition, our social media pages are a great way to engage with families. Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and our school website are all resources that are readily available.

The Remind app has also gotten a lot of great feedback from our families. They are able to access information right in the hands of their cellphones.