



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Building a **GROUNDWELL**

in partnership with the Prichard Committee

“The Greater Owensboro/Daviess County community will be a place where students want to be in school, families are engaged, and resources are shared by all through collaboration.”

Owensboro Public Schools

Foust Elementary Community School Action Plan Snapshot

1. Population, Desired Results, and Indicators

Foust Elementary strives to ensure that all students are healthy, prepared for their future paths, and supported by stable environments. The school emphasizes strong partnerships between school, family, and community and prioritizes academic success, including readiness for kindergarten. Progress toward these goals will be monitored through indicators such as attendance, behavior, and academic performance.

2. What is the story behind the curve?

Foust Elementary is the definition of a “community school.” Its neighborhood location places it near its families and community partners. This makes Foust the perfect location to implement initiatives and programming designed to improve outcomes for students and families. Some evidence of this can be found in the high attendance rates for school events. An example would be the successful rollout of our Homework Diner series this past spring. At the school level, Foust has a Local Leadership Team that is student and family-centered, willing to take risks and focused on data-driven results.

More support is needed for communication and engagement between the school, community, and families, as discussed in our community meetings and local leadership meetings. Many opportunities are available to network, but staff has limited capacity to explore and follow up due to time, staff capacity, and school and district responsibilities. Our three major areas of concern are authentic family engagement, academic performance and capacity building of staff and families.

3. Locally Set Indicators (based on Areas of Concern)

- #/% of families and community members reporting an increase in their skills to support students’ education at home and/or at the school
- % of students reaching benchmarks on Iready and KSA testing
- # and % of community school partners and staff who participate in community school technical assistance and professional development
- # of community school professional development opportunities for teachers, leaders, and support staff

Strategies for Active Family and Community Engagement

- In partnership with our local community, including Independence Bank, Chamber of Young Professionals, and others, we will host our first full year of Homework Diner, which is designed to increase both academic performance and family engagement. (Sept 2024 - April 2025)
- A new Parent Leadership Academy utilizing the CIPL Champions for Our Children model will authentically engage family members in their student's education by increasing leadership skills. (Sept 2024 - April 2025)

Strategies for Integrated Student Supports

- Our student tutoring including Owensboro High School mentors will continue through the school year as an opportunity for OHS aspiring students to improve outcomes for younger students as well improving academic outcomes of Foust Elementary students. (Sept 2024-April 2025)
- Mentoring opportunities will be increased through a community mentorship cohort being piloted at Foust Elementary using local adult mentors trained to provide ongoing support to identified students twice per week. (Oct 2024-Mar 2025)
- A collaboration with Western Academy (HL Neblett Center) will provide mental health group counseling to students at their location after school hours. (Sep 2024-June 2025)

Strategies for Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

- An expanded summer program will be offered to a targeted group of at-risk girls and center around wellness. Community partners and OHS students will be brought in rotating to discuss nutrition, hygiene, relationships, self-esteem, career options, and more. The other is a partnership with OMS and OHS Academic teams. It will be aimed at exposure to those programs and building academic capacity in attending students.
- Foust and First Baptist Church are partnering to develop a unique outdoor classroom in the courtyard at Foust. The space will be used as a classroom, meeting, and event space. Student Leadership will also help with its development.

Strategies for Collaborative Leadership and Practices to Support High-Quality Teaching

- PD and travel opportunities will be offered to all stakeholders including school staff, community partners, and families to increase capacity within the Community Schools Framework. (July 2024 - June 2025)
- The Owensboro Community Schools will hire a liaison between the school, families and community to build increased opportunities and improve outcomes. (Aug 2024-May 2025)

Be a part of the change by attending an upcoming Community School Team meeting.

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