
PAROCHIAL/PRIVATE 8TH GRADE STUDENT PROGRAM

Colerain High School

Cincinnati, Ohio

Colerain High School (CHS) receives students from two district feeder schools and eight parochial/private schools. Through the Parochial/Private 8th Grade Student Program, the school has implemented initiatives to improve communication between the school and students and their parents. Information meetings with administrators and counselors and tours of the high school orient families to the school. The school enrollment packet includes information about summer camps and school activities such as athletics, music and band, and clubs. Furthermore, encouraging earlier enrollment of the parochial/private school students enables CHS to mail them the newsletter that is already sent to 8th graders in the two district feeder schools.

After enrollment, parents receive a personal phone call from a CHS parent whose children attended parochial/private grade school to answer questions and ease anxiety. The program strives to support families who choose CHS and public education by keeping them well informed. The program establishes good home-school communication so that students and parents feel more at ease, thereby laying the foundation for a successful high school education.

This program has been very successful. Parent and student attendance at information meetings is high and feedback is very positive.

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