

Welcome to what promises to be another *fantastic* school year at *Okeechobee High School Freshman Campus!*

We are incredibly excited about the upcoming year, and know that it promises to be filled with opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! As we begin this new year, we pledge to you . . . our students and parents . . . that this will be a wonderful year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, along with some fun and special events.

During this 2016 - 2017 school year, we will continue to build upon and refine our foundation of good work, with none being more important than continuing to build upon our tradition of *excellence in education*. Our vision? Simply put: “*Achieving Excellence, Putting Students First!*”

So to that end our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities --- both inside and outside of the classroom --- for high caliber and quality learning, continual growth, leadership opportunities, and achieving at a high level of excellence! We pledge that this will be our focus daily, and we invite and encourage you . . . our students and parents . . . to work in partnership with us to seize these opportunities. Please also know that we highly value home/school communication here at the Freshman Campus. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. Please do not hesitate to contact us if/when the need arises at 863-462-5288. We will do likewise. We want and encourage our parents to *stay in the know* about their child's studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

Again, we welcome you to Freshman Campus and to our wonderful professional learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy* . . . *enthusiasm* . . . and a *high standard of excellence!* It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an AWESOME new school year . . . as we work to make each day better than the one before by Being BOLD! . . . and continuing to extend ourselves!

Carol Revels
Principal

Out-of-Field Information

Teachers are occasionally placed in an instructional position for which they have not completed all of the requirements to earn certification from the Florida Department of Education. Teachers, for example who move from another state, may be listed as out-of-field until their records are reviewed by FLDOE or until they take a Florida certification exam. Teachers who are listed as out-of-field are required to work toward certification according to Department of Education requirements.

All students in the classroom of a teacher who is out-of-field must be notified in writing. If your child is placed in the classroom of a teacher who is listed as out-of-field on the school's website or in the school's newsletter, you have the right to request that your child be transferred to an in-field teacher's classroom who is teaching within the school and grade the student is currently enrolled in the field in which they are certified.

To make this request, a parent must write a letter addressed and delivered to the principal of the school stating their child's name and grade, the name of the out-of-field teacher and the subject area for which the teacher is out-of-field. In this letter, the parent shall request that their child be transferred to an in-field teacher's classroom in the same grade and school which the child is currently attending. The principal must respond within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed two weeks, if an in-field teacher for that course is employed by the school and if the transfer does not violate maximum class size according to Florida State Statutes and Constitution. The parent does not have the right to choose a specific teacher. If the request for transfer is denied, for any reason, the school must notify the parent and specify the reasons for denial. (Florida Statute 1012.42)

The list of all out-of-field teachers is listed on the District's website and is updated as soon as teachers are hired and identified as out-of-field. Okeechobee County School District recruits and hires the best teachers possible and work to insure that all teachers meet certification requirements for the subject they are teaching as quickly as possible.

William Brewer – English 2 and ESOL
Angela Bates – Intensive Reading and ESOL
Jeri Raulerson – Algebra 2
Glenn Morgan - ESOL