

TOUCH and RIOT Program Permission Slip for 2022-2023

Dear parents,

The churches of the Orleans area, under the auspices of the Orleans Area Ministerial Association, would like to invite your child to participate in a released-time program we call "TOUCH" which stands for "transforming others under Christ's hand." It is a program that provides religious and moral teaching based on the Bible, meeting once a month for various grades. Elementary school children participate in TOUCH, Junior high and high school participate in "RIOT" (Reaching in and out together"). The children are released from the school (this is allowed by established Indiana state statute, see <http://www.rtce.org/pages.asp?pageid=34368> for a copy of the Indiana law) and taken by a privately-contracted school bus and driven by a properly-licensed school bus driver who is recognized by the school to one of the four Orleans area churches that are within minutes of the school (Orleans Wesleyan Church, Orleans Christian Church, Orleans United Methodist Church, and Orleans First Baptist Church) for an hour-long program of religious instruction. Various area ministers will do the teaching, and various members of area churches also act as chaperones.

If you would like to have your child participate in the TOUCH or the subsequent RIOT program, please sign the bottom of this form and send it back to the school office right away so your child can be included. If you have any questions, please contact one of the churches that participate in the Orleans Area Ministerial Association.

We thank the Orleans Community School, Superintendent Jim Ellis, Principals Daniel Wolford and Joni Lawyer, and the great teachers of the OCS for working with us on this endeavor and allowing the children this opportunity. They in no way endorse or organize this program, but their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

_____ Yes, I would like for my child/ward, _____ to attend the TOUCH/RIOT program this school year, 2022-23. I understand he/she is being taken by bus to various churches in the Orleans area for the purposes of religious education once a month.

Parent/guardian's signature

Date