Missing Student Procedure

If a member of the Oakwood University community has reason to believe that a student is missing, contact should be made immediately with OUPD at (256) 726-7375. All possible efforts will be made to locate the student to determine his or her state of health and well-being through the collaboration of OUPD and Student Services.

If the student resides on-campus, OUPD will request that Student Services conduct a welfare check in the student’s room. If the student resides off-campus, OUPD will enlist the assistance of the police agency having jurisdiction.

Concurrently, Oakwood University officials will endeavor to determine the student’s whereabouts through contact with friends, associates, family, and employers. Whether or not the student has been attending classes, labs, worship services, and scheduled work will be established. If located, verification of the student’s state of health will be determined. The student may also be referred to Health and Counseling Services.

If a missing student is not located within 4 hours, an official investigation will be undertaken by OUPD into the whereabouts of the student. Upon closure of the missing person investigation, all previously contacted parties will be advised of the case status.