

Lamar Junior High School Parental Involvement Policy

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, each school that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (parental involvement policy). Schools, in consultation with parents, are encouraged to include other relevant and agreed upon activities and actions that will support effective parental involvement and strengthen student academic achievement.

The Lamar Junior High School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, Lamar Junior High School will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA. (See Enclosure)
- Lamar Junior High School will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, Lamar Junior High School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, Lamar Junior High School will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to Lamar CISD.
- Lamar Junior High School will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- Lamar Junior High School will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- Lamar Junior High School will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.
- Lamar Junior High School will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:
Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring—
 - (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
 - (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
 - (C) that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

(D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Lamar Junior High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1118 of the ESEA:
 - **Campus Parent Groups** which include Friends of Lamar
 - **Use of call out system** for parent notification
 - Provide activities for parents to learn about the state, district and school expectations, such as literacy night, career readiness, student programs and STAAR workshops
 - Provide **online access to their child's grades**
 - Provide a translator at parent meetings, Title I meetings and Open House
2. Lamar Junior High School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
 - Monthly parent meetings
 - Monthly **Site Based Team Meetings**
3. Lamar Junior High School will hold an **annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs**, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to this meeting, and will encourage them to attend.
4. Lamar Junior High School will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by parent conferences, teacher phone calls home and online access to grades.
5. Lamar Junior High School will at the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by calling the parent back and immediately setting up the meeting.
6. Lamar Junior High School will provide each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading by notifying the parent, over the call out system, which the information is being sent home with the student. (The district is not allowing parent mail-outs)
7. Lamar Junior High School will send a timely notification home with the child that has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002) (The district is not allowing parent mail-outs)
8. Lamar Junior High School will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics by undertaking the actions described in this

Paragraph at the Title I parent meeting and the STAAR information meeting--

- the state’s academic content standards,
- the state’s student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child’s progress, and
- how to work with educators:

9. Lamar Junior High School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

10. Lamar Junior High School will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

11. Lamar Junior High School will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent-programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

ADOPTION

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, as evidenced by Site Base minutes. This policy was adopted by the Lamar Junior High School on _____ and will be in effect for the 2020-21 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents at Open House and have a copy available in the front office.

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