

LAMAR PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY 2020 - 2021

Statement of Purpose:

Lamar Elementary School is committed to providing high quality instruction for every student in a supportive learning environment, taking individual differences into account. Every student has a Personalized Education Plan that will help him or her become successful using strategies best suited to their learning style. We recognize the importance of working in collaboration with our parents to achieve this goal. Neither home nor school can do this job alone. Parental help and support are critical to the success of every child throughout their school career.

Grade level learning objectives and goals will be distributed to all parents by the classroom teacher at the beginning of the school year. All students will be expected to work toward mastering these objectives. For students that need extra assistance to achieve these goals, Title I funds are available to provide additional tutoring and supplemental programs. Parents will be consulted or informed of their child's involvement in any of these programs. Parents input and assistance will be included in all aspects of the Title I program

Parent Involvement in Developing Policy:

An Advisory Committee consisting of parents, community members, teachers, and other staff members will meet to develop our school's Parent Involvement Policy. We will seek volunteers from a diverse group of parents and community members. Meetings will be planned at convenient times and locations for all concerned parties.

Parent Involvement Activities to Improve Student Academic Achievement and School Performance:

One of the primary functions of the SBDM will be to identify ways the WFISD can provide assistance and support to its campuses to create effective parent involvement. The administration will assist schools in understanding the requirements of Title I — Part A and in planning for effective programs to help parents in improving academic achievement. District assistance may also include the distribution of informational handouts which explain state academic standards, assessments, and curriculum. WFISD will also promote and encourage staff development for employees on establishing effective relationships with parents as a means to increase academic achievement.

Building the Parents' Capacity of Strong Involvement:

Annual Title I Parent Meeting: Lamar will hold an annual meeting to review Title I guidelines and services offered through the Title I Program. Copies of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Home-School Compact will be distributed at this meeting.

Parents will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary and parent volunteers will be recruited for the SBDM Committee. The meetings will be held at a convenient location and time and notice of the meeting will be provided through written invitations to parents and public notices in English and Spanish. Translators will be provided at the meeting.

Home-School Compact: In accordance with Title I regulations, Lamar Elementary School has developed a home-school compact. This compact directly relates to the program at Lamar and explains how students, parents, and staff will share responsibility for student performance and success. Members of the campus' SBDM Committee are consulted in the design and implementation of the compact. All parents will be given a copy of the compact and are encouraged to discuss it with their children. They are encouraged to sign that they are in agreement with the compact and return it to school.

Staff / Parent Communication: Parents will be informed of all school activities throughout the school year. This is accomplished by monthly newsletters, weekly reminders, a marquee sign out front of the building, conferences, or personal contacts. Child care and transportation are provided for all parent workshops and other meetings. Information is provided in a language parents understand. Staff development will include strategies to promote effective parent involvement activities.

Cross-Program Coordination of Parent Involvement Activities:

Parent Involvement strategies will be incorporated into WFISD's curriculum and programs through the District Improvement Plan. Parent Involvement will be a priority and will be aligned with, the entire educational program. WFISD will coordinate Title I Parent Involvement activities with other programs within the district to meet special needs. (Head Start Public Preschool, etc).

Evaluation:

The District's Parental Involvement Committee will annually review and evaluate all aspects of the parent involvement program by distributing surveys and collecting data at all campuses. Parent surveys including questions about the effectiveness of the program will be distributed and the results analyzed. The evaluation will include an assessment of how much parent involvement is increasing and what barriers to parent participation still need to be overcome. The SBDM Committee will revise the district Parent Involvement Policy based on the result of this annual review.

Involving Parents in Activities of Title I Campuses:

WFISD will use Title I funds to provide school wide services to all students on the district's Title I campuses. Parents will be involved in a variety of strategies as the district strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents may contribute through volunteer programs at Title I campuses, as well as by

creating a supportive home atmosphere. The community may participate through an array of activities that promote student success. Each campus and its parents will develop and maintain specific parent involvement activities best suited to meet the individual needs of all stakeholders. Below are listed some of the parent involvement activities at Lamar Elementary School:

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITES AT
LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. Parents are encouraged to become a member of the SBDM Committee, or a member of the Parent Involvement Committee.
2. Parents are encouraged to visit their child's classroom, have lunch with their child, attend and help with class activities and celebrations, attend class field trips, and volunteer in the classroom.
3. Parents are invited to all assemblies and programs.
4. Parents are invited to attend our Parent Workshops (2-4 times annually) which cover various topics from discipline, STAAR and TEKS information, homework, and other programs. Materials and resources are provided for the parents and students to take home. Interpreters are used.
5. Parents are invited to make or plan presentations for our students.
6. Parents are invited to monthly school meetings. The agenda varies at these meeting but some of the items covered throughout the year.
7. A school newsletter is sent home at the beginning of each month which covers pertinent information and dates for the upcoming month.

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