

Lamar County High School
Parent/Family Engagement Plan for
Shared Student Success
2017-2018 School Year



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What is Title I?

Lamar County High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

Lamar County Schools Mission and Vision

Mission: Learning today to succeed tomorrow!

Vision: Lamar County Schools will provide all students with an equitable and excellent education that prepares them for college, career, and life.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Lamar County High School (LCHS) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

LCHS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that LCHS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

LCHS invited all parents to attend our annual Title I Input Meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, or school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. This plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and in writing to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. LCHS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, this plan will be distributed in multiple ways to all parents and community. Each parent/student will receive a hard copy. The plan will also be posted on the LCHS's website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us, the media center and in the Parent Resource Area.

How will you receive timely information?

Information regarding updates to any Title 1 programs will be posted on our website, announced in an automated phone call, and available in kiosks in Guidance and the front office.

2017-2018 District Goals

LCSS' District Goals per Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Decrease by 3% the achievement gap in all subgroups in all content areas by June 2020.

2017-2018 School Goals

ELA: Students will meet or exceed standards on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 80%.

Math: Students will meet or exceed standards on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 80%.

School- Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, LCHS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Annual Title I Input Meeting and School Council Meeting. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

LCHS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among, the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

July 19, 2017 – 9th Grade Jump Start Orientation

October 24, 2017 - Annual Title I Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

October 24, 2017 – Teacher-Parent Conference – 6:00 p.m.

November 14, 2017 – Parent Workshop – 8:30 a.m.

November 28, 2017 – Science Night/EOC Review – 4:00 p.m.

January 30, 2018 - Literacy Night- 4:00 p.m.

January 30, 2018 – Teacher-Parent Conference - 5:00 p.m.

February 27, 2018 – GA Milestones Parent Night – 4:00 p.m.

March 6, 2018 - Annual Title I Input Meeting – 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

LCHS Parent Resource Area

Come visit the Parent Resource Area to check out study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Located at the Lamar County High School's Media Center Monday through Friday, from 7:30 am-3:30 pm.

LCHS is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Parent and Family Engagement

LCHS believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- ❖ That parents play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning;
- ❖ That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- ❖ That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making opportunities and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;

Lamar County High School

LCHS will take the following measures to promote and support parent engagement as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will...

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- ✓ Ensure that the parent/family engagement policy, information on all school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published and posted in both English and Spanish as needed or requested on the school website, distributed in hard copy to all students, and available in the school guidance and front offices.
 - ✓ Provide an aligned curriculum using the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards and the Georgia Performance Standards along with assessments to include: periodic assessments given every 4 ½ weeks, formal and informal classroom assessments, and state mandated assessments to include the GHSGT (Georgia High School Graduation Tests) if applicable, GHSGWT (Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test), EOCTs (End of Course Tests), and EOPA (End of Pathway Assessments).
 - ✓ Conduct staff development four times throughout the year through faculty meetings or during other professional learning time on parent engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
 - ✓ Provide and post on our school website a course catalog of academic offerings with course descriptions, academic assessments, and student proficiency levels.
 - ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities using automated phone messages, the school website, school system Facebook page, and local newspaper.
 - ✓ Ensure that all parents have the opportunity to provide feedback on the parent/family engagement policy through surveys, emails, and hard copy response.
 - ✓ Work with our parents to provide and develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent/family engagement.
 - ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement. Supports at the school level will include weekly Extended Learning Time, English/Math remediation/support classes, ELA/Math/Science/Social Studies test prep classes, before/after school tutoring, Saturday school, 9th Grade Academy, summer programs, credit recovery, and access to the College and Career Academy.
 - ✓ Collaborate with parents, community leaders and business groups to develop, discuss, revise and agree upon the school parent engagement policy on an annual basis.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

The Lamar County School System and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students and the community.

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

LCHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

LCHS invites parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Council, please contact the principal at (770) 358-8641 or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.

This policy was adopted by Lamar County High School and will be in effect for the period of the 2017-2018 school year. The school will distribute a hard copy of this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 31, 2017. This policy will also be available on the school website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us.

School Council and Title 1 Input Parent Mtg. Approval Date: 3/21/17

Lamar County High School Council

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Council.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Council.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional)
