

**Lamar County High School
Parent Involvement Policy and Plan
for Shared Student Success**

2014-2015 School Year



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What is Title 1?

Lamar County High School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academics standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students, particularly low income students. Title 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

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 parent engagement to support student learning. LCHS values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that LCHS will support parent 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 developed? Lamar County High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the parental involvement plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and give feedback throughout the year. We also offer an annual survey online and in writing to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback to the principal at any time via email, in writing, or in person.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title 1 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 with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? This plan will be distributed in multiple ways to all parents and the community. Each parent/student will receive a paper copy. Parents may also retrieve a copy of the plan by going to our district website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us and clicking on Lamar County High School. Additionally, copies are in kiosks in Guidance and the front office.

How will you receive timely information? Information regarding updates to any Title 1 program will be posted on our website, announced in an automated phone call, and available in kiosks in Guidance and the front office.

Remember you can access the Parent Portal to check grades from our website:

www.lamar.k12.ga.us

For information on upcoming activities, visit: www.calendarwiz.com. Get login information from our school secretary.

**Parent – Teacher – Student – Administration
Title 1 Compacts**

As a part of this plan, LCHS, our families, and students will develop a Parent-Teacher-Student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis using feedback from parents, students, and teachers in the spring of each year for planning purposes. The Parent-Teacher-Student compacts are kept with the school's Title I Coordinator if parents need a copy.

When can we get together?

LCHS will host and offer the following events to build participation for stronger parental involvement, as well as other meetings at parent request. Our goal is to provide a supportive partnership among the school, parents, and the community improving student academic achievement. All parents are invited to the Principal's Council meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in room 201.

August 1, 2014 – Open House from 2-6 p.m.

September 8, 2014 – Parent Night from 5-7 p.m.

September 18, 2014 – Title I Annual Parent Meeting in Media Center at 6:30 p.m.

November 11, 2014 – Parent Night from 5-7 p.m.

February 5, 2015 – Parent Night from 5-7 p.m.

April 29, 2105 -- End of the Year Honor's Day Program at 8:30 a.m. at the Fine Arts Center

April 10, 2015 – Title I Parent Input Meeting In Conference Room at 9:00 am

April 16, 2015 – Parent Night from 5-7 p.m.

May 23, 2015 – Graduation Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at Trojan Field

***The Mission** of LCHS is to deliver a rigorous and flexible education that provides graduation opportunities for all students.*

***The Vision** of the Lamar County Schools is to be one of the top performers in academics when compared to our RESA members and other surrounding school districts. We will rank in the top 10% of like systems in Georgia. We will accomplish this vision through high expectations, measured improvement through various systems of accountability, multiple levels of student support, horizontal and vertical curriculum design and implementation, and an emphasis on work ready and college success.*

LCHS will ensure:

- ❖ 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;
- ❖ The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan;
- ❖ All parents will be invited to develop, review, and improve the parent involvement policy annually;
- ❖ That a parent may contact the school staff, school counselor, or administrative staff to access teachers for academic information and updates regarding their child.
- ❖ That all LCHS staff responds to parents' concerns and requests in a timely manner reflective of the method in which the concern was received.

LCHS is Continually Improving!

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

- ✓ Ensure that the parent involvement 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 paper 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 EOPAs (End of Pathway Assessments).
- ✓ Conduct staff development each quarter through faculty meetings or during other professional learning time on parent involvement 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 the online school calendar.
- ✓ Ensure that all parents have the opportunity to provide feedback on the parent involvement policy through surveys, emails, and paper copy response.
- ✓ Work with our parents to provide and develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ 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 parental involvement policy on an annual basis.



Parent Involvement

LCHS believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities including clubs, career and technical student organizations, and sporting events.

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.

These standards are:

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

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This policy was adopted by Lamar County High School, on 5/15/14 and will be in effect for the period of the 2014-2015 school year. The school will distribute a paper copy of this policy to all parents of children participating in a Title I, Part A school on or before 8/29/14. This policy will also be available on the school website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us.

Faculty & Staff Approval Date: 5/15/14

School Council Approval Date: 5/7/14

Parent Mtg. Approval Date: 5/1 & 6/14

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