

**Lamar County Primary School
Parent Involvement Policy and Plan
for Shared Student Success
2014-2015 School Year**



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What is Title 1?

Lamar County Primary 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. 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 Primary School (LCPS) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. LCPS 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 LCPS 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 Primary 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 post 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. LCPS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, this plan will be distributed in multiple ways to all parents and the community. Each parent/student will receive a hard copy. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan by going to our district website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us and clicking on Lamar County Primary School and in the school Media Center.

How will you receive timely information? Information regarding up to date information regarding all Title 1 programs will be posted on our website, announced in an automated phone call, and sent home in weekly flyers.

**2015 Georgia Department of Education
Performance Targets**

Reading: Georgia Milestones Assessment (3rd) – 91% of all students will meet or exceed standards.

L. Arts: Georgia Milestones Assessment (3rd) – 95% of all students will meet or exceed standards.

Math: Georgia Milestones Assessment – 88% of all students will meet or exceed

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

As a part of this plan, LCPS and our families will develop a school – parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers 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 school – parent compacts are kept with each child’s homeroom teacher if parents need a copy.



When can we get together?

LCPS will host and offer the following events to build participation for stronger parental involvement. Our goal is to provide a supportive partnership among the school, parents, and the community improving student academic achievement.

August 28, 2014—Title I Parent Input Meeting at 6:00

October 1, 2014-- Coffee Talk-Quarterly Parent Meeting at LCPS

October 2, 2014-- Annual Title I Parent Meeting 6:00-6:45

October 2, 2014—Literacy Night 6:45-7:15

October 23-24—Fall Fun/Field Days

December 2, 2014-- Coffee Talk-Quarterly Parent Meeting at LCPS

January, 22, 2015 --- Math Night from 6:00-7:00

February 24, 2015—Art Night from 6:00-7:00

March 4, 2015 – Coffee talk – Quarterly parent Mtg. at LCPS

March 24, 2015—Bingo for Books from 6:00-7:00

April 16, 2015—Spring Title I Parent Input Meeting at 6:00

May 6, 2015 – Coffee Talk – Quarterly Parent Mtg. at LCPS

*Students are recognized monthly as Student of the Month. Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child on the last Tuesday of each month.

Lamar County Schools Mission

The Mission of Lamar County Schools is to work with and encourage our families and community to provide and participate in world class educational opportunities that inspire all learners to reach their potential.

LCPS Vision: *To give students entrusted in our care a firm foundation filled with positive experiences on which they can build and become successful, lifelong learners.*

LCPS 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 LCPS staff responds to parents' concerns and requests in a timely manner reflective of the method in which it was received.

Lamar County Primary School

LCPS 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...

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- ✓ 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 hard copy to all students, and available in the school media center.
 - ✓ Conduct staff development four times through the year at faculty meetings on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
 - ✓ 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 weekly flyers.
 - ✓ Ensure that all parents have the opportunity to provide feedback on the parent involvement policy through surveys, emails, and weekly hard 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.
 - ✓ Collaborate with parents, community leaders and business groups to develop, discuss, revise and agree upon the school parental involvement policy on an annual basis.
 - ✓ Provide quarterly "Coffee Talk" sessions for parents based on requested topics of interest. Transportation is provided if needed.
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Parent Involvement

LCPS believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

This policy was adopted by the Lamar County Primary School, on 10/2/2014 and will be in effect for the period of the 2014-2015 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, 2014. This policy will also be available on the school website at www.lamar.k12.ga.us.

Leadership Team (Better Seeking Team): Approval Date: 9/23/14

School Council Approval Date: 9/11/14

Parent Mtg. Approval Date: 10/2/14

For additional information, contact Mrs. Becky Brown at 770-358-8661 or at becky.brown@lamar.k12.ga.us

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**

