

**LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S**  
**2020-2021 PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

*This policy was developed and decided upon with the parents of children participating in LPSS Title I schools.*

**GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

The Lafayette Parish School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- A. The Lafayette Parish School District Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed and decided upon with parents/family members of children participating in LPSS Title I schools.
- B. A faculty/staff member from each campus will represent the school as the Parent and Family Engagement facilitator. District personnel will work with facilitators and school administrators to ensure that schools have coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to plan and implement effective parent and family engagement activities that improve student academic achievement and school performance. District support includes providing presentations for parents and school faculties, material resources, maintaining a Parent Resource Center where schools can refer parents to checkout educational materials, as well as accommodating the special needs or requests of different campuses.
- C. Parent and family engagement strategies will be coordinated and integrated to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs including Pre-K, Gear Up, Migrant and Delinquent, Special Education, English Learners, Homeless, Foster Care, FRAN (Families Reading Around Neighborhoods), Homebound, and others.
- D. The current Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed and decided upon with the parents/family members of children participating in LPSS Title I schools, will be reviewed at the end-of-the-year Parent Advisory Council meetings, and electronically throughout the year on the district website via a comment link. All feedback received will be considered and kept for review.
  - At each of the quarterly District Parent Advisory Council meetings, barriers to greater participation by parents/families in activities authorized by this section will be reviewed. Parents also may advise of barriers via a link on the district website.
  - Participants at each of the quarterly District Parent Advisory Council meetings, will be surveyed for their needs to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers, and suggestions of strategies to support successful school and family interactions.
- E. The findings of barriers to parent/family participation, parent and family needs to assist with the learning of their children, and suggested strategies to support school and family interactions will be considered in designing evidence-based strategies for more effective parental and family engagement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies described in this section.
- F. A Parent Advisory Council will be established annually with representation of a minimum of two parents from each Title I school in the district. The council will meet quarterly with a flexible number of meetings at different times, to help develop/revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and provide two-way communication with other parents.

## ACTIVITES

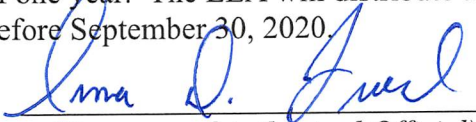
The Lafayette Parish School District agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- A. The Lafayette Parish School District will address understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, and how to monitor a child's progress in the district Parent Advisory Council meetings, and support, assist, and document school-level parent workshops addressing the same topics.
- B. The Lafayette Parish School District will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children such as literacy training and using technology in the district Parent Advisory Council meetings, and support, assist, and document school-level parent workshops addressing the same topics. The district Resource Center will allow parents to check out materials to help their children academically at home.
- C. The Lafayette Parish School District will provide training in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners to the team of school facilitators from each Title I school in the district. The district will support, assist, provide materials, and document schools as they provide the mandatory school-level faculty/staff training on the same topics.
- D. The Lafayette Parish School District will coordinate and integrate parental engagement strategies with other federal, state, and local programs by hosting parent events in the district Resource Center for migrant families, presenting parenting trainings to EL families in Spanish, incorporating Spanish materials in the Resource Center, and collaborating resources with Special Education, Homebound, Foster Care, and FRAN programs. The district will also support, assist, and document school-level parent workshops and activities addressing the same topic.
- E. The Lafayette Parish School District will ensure that information related to school and parent and family engagement is sent to the parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Examples of parent communication will be collected from all Title I schools.
- F. The Lafayette Parish School District will provide and document reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

## APPROVAL

This Parental and Family Engagement Policy was developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of Lafayette Parish students participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was reviewed electronically by members of the District Parental Advisory Committee from June 26, 2020-July 6, 2020 with final policy review/revision on July 7, 2020 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The LEA will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before September 30, 2020.

  
*(Signature of Authorized Official)*

7-8-2020  
*(Date)*