



Lago Vista ISD Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Statement of Purpose

Lago Vista ISD believes that parent involvement is fundamental to the achievement and success of each child and is committed to advancing the partnership between home and school. In order to implement collaborative partnerships between parents and schools, the district is committed to encompassing the goals and requirements of Sec. 1118 of Public Law 107-110.

Required Parental Involvement Policy Components

Parent Involvement in Developing This Policy

Parents of Title I students, as well as parent representatives on the Campus Educational Improvement Committees and District Educational Improvement Committee, will be involved in the design of this policy. This parent involvement policy will be reviewed at the annual meeting during the fall semester of each school year. The Campus Educational Improvement Committees for each campus will review and recommend revisions that will be submitted to the Campus Educational Improvement Committee for consideration and adoption.

Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of the District-wide Parent Involvement Policy:

- *Actively recruit parents/caregivers to participate in a campus or district educational improvement committee capacity.*
- *Schedule meetings at convenient times and locations to allow parents to participate in a comprehensive review of policy and programs for parent involvement.*

Annual Meeting for Parents

Campuses within Lago Vista ISD who provide Title I services will hold an annual meeting for Title I parents. At that meeting, Lago Vista ISD will explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A program. At the annual meeting, copies of the Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact will be distributed.

Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions to involve parents in the annual Title I meeting(s):

- *Convene campus meetings at a time that is convenient for parents and offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend.*
- *Invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs to the annual meeting and encourage them to attend.*
- *Request that parents provide feedback on the Title I program and suggest ways to improve services at the annual meeting.*
- *Encourage parents to become further involved with the revising and updating of the policy and compact as needed through involvement in the campus and district educational improvement committees.*



Information Provided to Parents

Lago Vista ISD will provide parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. An overview of the program will be provided at the annual meeting. Individual information about a student's assessment results and/or progress will be provided to persona communication (i.e., conference, phone call, e-mail, note home, etc.).

Lago Vista ISD will provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, by providing information related to understanding topics, such as:

- The State's academic content standards,
- The State's student academic achievement standards,
- The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- The requirements of Part A,
- How to monitor their child's progress, and
- How to work with educators.

To ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is effectively shared, Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions:

- *Send notifications and information to parents in a format and language that parents can understand.*
- *Set up district phone call out system in English and Spanish based upon the primary language identified for the home.*
- *To the extent possible, provide written translation for Title I information in both English and Spanish.*

Parent Involvement in Educational Planning and Support

In an effort build school and parent capacity for improvement the academic achievement of all students, Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions to help parents work with their children to improve their academic achievement and to build capacity for effective collaboration between school and home:

- *At the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.*
- *Provide each parent with an individual student report about the performance of his/her child on the State assessment by sending scores home via U.S. Mail. Requests for parent conferences to review and interpret State assessment results will be honored.*
- *To the extent possible, provide materials and information to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement in supporting the academic success of their children.*
- *Conduct other activities, such as parent trainings, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.*



Parent Involvement in the School

Lago Vista ISD will support many varied ways of parental involvement as it strives to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions to provide effective parent involvement in the schools:

- *Provide regular opportunities and encourage parents to visit the school in order to volunteer, receive information, attend PTO meetings, serve on the Campus Educational Improvement Council (CEIC), or attend other parent involvement events and activities.*
- *Provide opportunities for and encourage parents to offer their ideas and suggestions for improving the program through an annual survey, through direct feedback given to school staff in person, or with written notes.*

Furthermore, Lago Vista ISD will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A campuses in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

- *Ongoing guidance to campuses regarding planning and providing parent workshops and newsletters.*
- *Campus visits and consultations by the Deputy Superintendent to provide guidance on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.*
- *Annual needs assessment by the District Educational Improvement Committee to provide feedback on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.*
- *Development of appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental involvement activities.*

Parent Communication

Lago Vista ISD will welcome and engage parents through various avenues of communication throughout the school year. Newsletters, conferences, personal contracts, and written notes will be used to establish and maintain open lines of communication. Other avenues of communication may include:

- Student & Parent Handbook
- School Newsletters
- Annual School Calendar
- Special Event/Reminder Notices
- Report Cards
- Parent /Teacher Conferences
- Parent Nights
- PTO meetings
- ESL meetings
- School Marquee
- Lago Vista ISD Website

Furthermore, to provide effective communication with parents, Lago Vista ISD will take the following actions:

- *With the assistance of its parents, educate teachers and staff on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.*



- *Ensure that information is communicated to parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.*

School-Parent Compact

In accordance with Title I regulations, Title I schools must develop a parent-school compact with the parents of students participation in the program. This compact will enable the school and parents to share the responsibility for student performance and success. All parents will be given a copy of the compact detailing the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have in helping students reach their goals.

Parents/student signatures are not required; however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their students.

Evaluation

Parents will be asked to formally provide feedback about the effectiveness of the Title I program and offer suggestions for improvement at the end of the school year. However, parental suggestions are welcome at any time of the school year.

Statutory Requirements

Lago Vista ISD agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- Consistent with section 1118, the school will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118 of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- Schools will notify parents of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. The policy will be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A, parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1114(b) of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the district.
- The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the 1 percent reserved goes directly to the schools.
- The school will build its own and the parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- The school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 of the ESEA as the parents may request.
- The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:



Parental involvement means the participation of parents 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 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 and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

Policy Adoption

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. This policy will be reviewed and revised annually using the process outlined. Each campus in Lago Vista ISD will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children at the annual Title I meeting. It shall also be made available online through the Lago Vista ISD website at www.lagovistaisd.net.