

Lamar High School Lamar, Arkansas



Parent & Family
Engagement
2020-21

Lamar High School
Parental Involvement Plan
2020-21

Mission Statement:

• Recognizing that parents are full partners with schools in the education of children, Lamar School District encourages and expects parent/guardian and grandparent involvement in the school and, in particular, in the education of their own children. Keeping those expectations in mind, Lamar School District has developed and implemented the Parental Involvement Plan and will wholeheartedly work to endure its impact upon the success of our students.

Lamar School District: Jay Holland, Superintendent

Grades: 9-12

Lamar High School Parental Involvement Committee Members:

Mitch Harris, HS Principal
Kaylynn Holland, District Parent Facilitator
Jeanna Cook, HS Parent Facilitator
Paula Ober, Parent
Michelle Bacchus, Parent
Melanie Day, Parent

1: Jointly Developed

Involve parents in the development of the Lamar High School Parent & Family policy & the school improvement plans

Establish expectations and objectives for meaningful involvement, reflecting the specific needs of students and families

Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of NCLB June 16, 2020

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Action: Quarterly Evaluation meetings

Timeline: June 16, 2020; October 27, 2020; January 20, 2021; April 1, 2021; June 9, 2021

Conduct an annual meeting June 9, 2021 to update policy for next year's Title I, Part A program.

Contact Person: Kaylynn Holland, Federal Programs

Contact Number: 479-885-3907

Timeline: June 9, 2021

Involve parents through an annual survey and review to improve school effectiveness. The Annual Survey to be used in the Annual Review (June 9, 2021) will be conducted April 1, 2021.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: April 1, 2021 & June 9, 2021

Develop parent-community advisory committee to create a Parent & Family Engagement policy and implement parental involvement activities, as well as, disseminate information to the community to promote Parent & Family Engagement. Lamar High School will submit, to the District, who will submit to the ADE, the comments from parents who deem the schoolwide plan unsatisfactory

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: June 16, 2020 and ongoing

Lamar High School will perform the following tasks:

Develop Parent & Family Engagement policy

Offer flexible meeting times

Provide information to parents about the school's program, include parent information guide

Develop and use the School-Parent Compact

Provide training for parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement, to include training on the phone notification system in order to have real-time access to their child's attendance and achievement.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: June 16, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Convene annual school meeting to inform parents of their school's participation in the development of the Parent & Family Engagement policy and their right to be involved.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator
Contact Number: 479-885-3344
Timeline: August 11, 2020 & September 14, 2020

2: Annual Title I Meeting

Lamar High School will conduct an annual Title I meeting:
To inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation
To inform parents' of their rights under Title I
Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator
Contact Number: 479-885-3344
Timeline: August 11, 2020 & September 14, 2020

3: Communications

Lamar High School will provide a copy of the Lamar School District & Lamar High School Parent & Family Engagement Plan, and make available on District's website, for parents to view, as well as, provide a copy to each parent, included in the District's Student Handbook.
School Board approved July, 2020
Ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form parents can understand.
Parent signatures will be obtained from each parent, acknowledging receipt of Lamar School District's Parent & Family Engagement Plan.
Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator
Contact Number: 479-885-3344
Timeline: August 11, 2020

Lamar High School will distribute an informational packet annually to include:
Description of Parent and Family Engagement plan; Recommended roles; Ways for a family to get involved in a variety of roles; Survey regarding volunteer interests; Schedule of activities planned throughout the school year; Regular, two-way, and meaningful system for parents/teachers to communicate; Offer meetings at various times (such as in the morning and evening)
Offer meetings in different formats (such as offered online and in-person group meetings as well as home visits or other types of individual meetings)
Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator
Contact Number: 479-885-3344
Timeline: August 11, 2020 – May 25, 2021

4: School-Parent Compact

School staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent-student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. All parents, students and teachers are asked

to sign the compact. Compacts are shared with families at the start of school.

Contact Person: Becky Hale, Secretary

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 11, 2020

Encourage parents to visit/volunteer at school by assisting staff in developing volunteer opportunities as well as training staff to encourage and build volunteer efforts.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Lamar High School will continually address the importance of regular two-way, meaningful communication through:

- Two Parent-Teacher Conferences September 15, 2020 & February 4, 2021
- Frequent reports on progress September 15, 2020, November 13, 2020, February 4, 2021, April 23, 2020
- Parents are contacted by phone through a program called School Messenger. A message is recorded and a designated time is given for the computer to call the parents and replay the message.
- Teachers call the parents as needed.
- Parents with computer access may check their child's grades through a program called E-School Home Access Center. Parents may also use this program to email teachers.
- Parents may call the school's number after hours to hear a recording listing the homework for each grade/class.
- reasonable access to staff
- opportunities to volunteer – Volunteer Survey August 11, 2020; Volunteer Training August 14, 2020, January 8, 2021
- observation of classroom activities August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Lamar High School will provide resources and assistance for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.

Contact Person: Samantha Parker, FACS teacher/ Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Provide assistance to parents in understanding:

The challenging State academic standards; State and local academic assessments; the requirements of

Title I, Part A; How to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Lamar High Schools will use volunteer surveys to compile a volunteer resource book listing interests and availability of volunteers; Provide training annually for volunteers – August 14, 2020, January 8, 2021

Involve parents in a variety of roles

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

5: Reservation of Funds

Involve parents and family members of children receiving services under Title I in the decisions regarding how reserved funds are allotted for parent and family engagement activities

Lamar School District does not currently receive \$500,000 or more in Title I allocation

Contact Person: Kaylynn Holland Federal Programs

Contact Number: (479)885-3709

Timeline: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

6: Coordination of Services

Outside speakers will provide parents with more information concerning ways to make their child's academic life more successful.

Contact Person: Dave Meador, Counselor

Contact Number: (479)885-3344

Timeline: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Provide resources and assistance for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.

Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Arkansas Division of Elementary & Secondary Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Arkansas Division of Elementary & Secondary Education

Contact Person: Samantha Parker, FACS teacher/ Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Lamar High School will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs, activities, and strategies with college and career ready resources or organizations parent resource centers, or other

programs that encourage and support parents in fully participating; Calendar of activities will be made readily available in office, on website and in District Handbook.

Contact Person: Dave Meador, Counselor

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

Lamar High School shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school and Leaders of said organization will be utilized in appropriate decisions

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: (479)885-3344

Timeline: July 1, 2020 – June30, 2021

Parents will be given a letter at open house/registration packets asking for volunteers during the current school year. A list of activities is given along with ideas and request of ideas for parents to assist the school.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: (479) 885-3344

Timeline: August 11, 2020

Parents have the opportunity to meet their child's new teachers at open house which is held the week before school starts. Open House is held at night from 5:30-7:30pm

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: (479) 885-3344

Timeline: August 11, 2020

Lamar High School will engage parents in decision making about the allocation of its Title I, Part A funds for parental involvement and School Improvement

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: (479) 885-3344

Timeline: June 16, 2020; October 27, 2020; January 20, 2021; April 1, 2021; June 9, 2021

7: Building Capacity of Parents

Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Arkansas Division of Secondary & Elementary

Contact Person: Samantha Parker, FACS teacher / Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: (479) 885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review.

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator/ Library-Media Specialist

Contact Number: (479) 885-3344

Timeline: July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Provide instruction to a parent on how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: role play and demonstration by trained volunteer, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education

Contact Person: Samantha Parker, FACS teacher / Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: (479)885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Provide information to participating parents in such areas as national, state, and local education goals, including parents' rights as defined in Title I, Part A.

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 11, 2020 & September 14, 2020

Provide resources and assistance for parents to learn about child development, child rearing practices, and academic strategies that are designed to help parents become full partners in the education of their child.

Contact Person: Samantha Parker, FACS teacher / Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Provide assistance to parents in understanding:

The challenging State academic standards

State and local academic assessments

The requirements of Title I, Part A

How to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Involve parents through an annual survey to improve school effectiveness, to guide the evaluation process of School Improvement Plans

Contact Person: Jeanna Cook, Parent Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: April 1, 2021

Approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with Parent & Family Engagement activities.

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Provide materials and training, not otherwise available, to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement.

Contact Person: Mitch Harris, Principal

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

8: Building Capacity of School Staff

Lamar School District will provide training through Guy Fenter Education Service Cooperative; approved on-campus training; Arkansas IDEAS, to train teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in:

The value and utility of contributions of parents; That parents play an integral role in assisting student learning; How to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; How to implement and coordinate parent programs; How to build ties between parents and the school; To welcome parents into the school and seek parental support and assistance; To provide information in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; To respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities; To recognize that a parent is a full partner by including in the school handbook the school's process for resolving parent concerns

Contact Person: Kaylynn Holland, Federal Programs/Curr/Dist PI Facilitator

Contact Number: 479-885-3344

Timeline: June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two (2) hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than three (3) hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation.

Contact Person: Kaylynn Holland, Federal Programs/Curr/Dist PI Facilitator

Contact Number: (479) 885-3907

Timeline: Required 2019-20 SY - 100% of faculty & administrators met requirement

Lamar School District Goal:

Lamar School District will engage in effective, on-going two-way communication with Families & Community to Improve Reading Levels K-12, as measured by growth in the five family plan sections from August 13, 2020 – May 25, 2021

Identified Key Elements:

- Use open, respectful, and honest two-way communication
- Offer and use a variety of communication tools
- Support families to assist their child(ren) with developmentally appropriate learning (tutorials, IDEAS, articles)

Resources/Actions to help achieve the goal:

- R.I.S.E. Arkansas Short Promo Video
Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ojEcad2elo&feature=youtu.be> resource
- “Arkansas Guide for Promoting Family Engagement “ resource
- 5 Ways to Prevent Summer Slide: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ways-to-prevent-the-summer-slide_us_5b51dd08e4b0b15aba8dfe06 resource
- Each School will provide resources and support to ensure student achievement & improving Reading Levels K-12

Theory of Action:

If School Administrators, Faculty, Students, Parents & Community members, use open, respectful and honest two-way communication, through the use of a variety of communication tools; supporting families to assist their child or children with developmentally appropriate learning, through the use of tutorials, ideas, articles, etc...Then families will have the support needed to engage in their Child’s education, ensuring student achievement and increasing student reading levels.

Timeline: June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021

Action: The District will meet with each School’s School Improvement Team & Parent Engagement Team, quarterly June 16, 2020, October 27, 2020; January 20, 2021; April 1, 2021; June 9, 2021. The quarterly meetings will analyze data, including but not limited to, BOY, MOY, & EOY reading data; ACT Aspire Summative & Interim Assessments to measure Student growth in Reading & effectiveness of Reading instruction, programs, activities and Parent Engagement. The Building teams will review fund allocations; supplemental programs and activities effectiveness in Reading Improvement & Increasing Parent Engagement.

Monitor: School Meeting /Parent Activity Sign-in Sheets ; K-12 , BOY, MOY, & EOY reading data; ACT Aspire Summative Reading Score; ACT Aspire Interim Reading Scores; STAR Reading; RTI Progress Monitoring.

Lamar School Student/Parent Compact

In order for your child to be successful in school and learn to the best of their ability a strong voluntary commitment must be made by individuals to themselves and to others.

As a Student ... I Promise To...

- *** attend school every day
- *** be on time
- *** bring pencil, paper, books and be ready to learn
- *** complete and turn in classroom and homework assignments
- *** ask for help when I need it
- *** do my best work in school
- *** respect and cooperate with others

As a Parent/Guardian ... I Promise To...

- *** see that my child attends school every day
- *** see that he/she is on time
- *** praise and encourage my child each day
- *** help my child learn to respect the school staff and the cultural differences of others
- *** provide a quiet place for my child to study and read
- *** attend all parent/teacher conferences
- *** check my child's backpack every night and tell my child what I like about his/her work
- *** work with my child on areas that need improvement because I want my child to succeed

As a Teacher/Staff/Administrator... I Promise To...

- *** show that I care about all students
- *** have high expectations for myself, students, teachers and staff
- *** communicate and work with families to support students' learning
- *** provide a safe environment for learning
- *** respect the cultural differences of students and their families
- *** encourage students and parents with regular student progress reports
- *** be patient and understanding

LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Activity	Date	Responsible	Evidence
Heat Awareness Meeting	July 1, 2020	Brett Sampley	Dragonfly
High School Orientation	July 28 & 29, 2020	Jeanna Cook	Attendance
Understanding Blended Learning Overview for Parents	August 12, 2020	Kaylynn Holland	Sign In Sheet
Title 1 Meeting	August 11 @ 2020 September 14, 2020	Mitch Harris	Sign In Sheet
Open House	August 11, 2020 @ 5:30-7:30pm	Mitch Harris	Sign In Sheet
Types of Assessments & Overview for Parents	September 9, 2020	Kaylynn Holland	Sign In Sheet
Volunteer Sign up	August 11, 2020	Jeanna Cook	Sign in sheet
Volunteer Training	August 14, 2020 & January 8, 2021	Mitch Harris	Sign in Sheet
Parent Teacher Conferences	September 15, 2020 & February 4, 2021	Mitch Harris	Sign In Sheet
Little Free Library showcasing Lutherville on FB	September 30, 2020	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Parent HAC Training	August 11, 2020	Jeanna Cook	Sign In Sheet
Reading Strategies for Parents	September 30, 2020	Kaylynn Holland	Sign In Sheet
College Night and FASFA Assistance	October 13, 2020	Dave Meador	Sign In Sheet
Health & Wellness Parent/Community Engagement Meetings	September 9, 2020 October 14, 2020 November	Donette Crofts Matt Little	Sign In Sheet

	11, 2020 December 9, 2020 January 13, 2021 February 10, 2021 March 10, 2021		
EAST Night Out	October 13, 2020	Cindy Dunn	Sign In Sheet
Little Free Library showcasing Hagarville on FB	November 30, 2020	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Little Free Library showcasing Ozone on FB	December 16, 2020	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Quarterly Review School Improvement & Parent & Family Engagement	October 27, 2020 January 20, 2021 April 1, 2021 June 9, 2021	Donette Crotts Matt Little	Sign In Sheet
Little Free Library showcasing Knoxville on FB	January 29, 2021	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Little Free Library showcasing Lamar on FB	February 26, 2021	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Literacy Night	March 9, 2021	Donette Crotts	Sign In Sheet
Parent's Guide to the ACT Aspire Summative & how to help your child do their best	March 9, 2021	Kaylynn Holland	Sign In Sheet
Little Free Library showcasing Flat Rock on FB	March 31, 2021	Jeanna Cook	#of people engaged in post
Parent & Family Engagement Survey	April 1, 2021	Jeanna Cook	Survey