



Lester Elementary School Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2019-20

Parents of Lester Elementary School are involved in formulating the Parent and Family Engagement Policy through Parent Input Forms and Title 1/School Improvement Council Committee meetings. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is distributed and discussed at the Title 1 Annual Meeting and Title 1/School Improvement Council meetings. Parents receive an Input Form to provide the school with any changes they would like to see on the policy. The Title 1 Committee, which includes parents, is involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Parent surveys are used to gather information regarding needed workshops, barriers that may hinder parents from attending workshops/meetings, most convenient time/day for workshops, and knowledge of Title 1. All parents receive school and district involvement policies in weekly folders as well as during the Annual Meeting.

The Title 1 Program Plan is discussed at the Title 1 Annual Meeting/Open House. Parents may ask for further discussion or they may view a copy upon request. Parents are informed of program requirements and their right to be involved. The plan is also discussed at the Title I committee meetings and at the School Improvement Council Meetings. All parent suggestions and comments are taken into consideration.

Lester Elementary School will provide parents with timely information about programs under parent and family engagement. Information about upcoming events will be communicated on the calendar located on our school website. Newsletters/flyers are sent home on a regular basis to keep parents informed about school activities and events.

Lester Elementary School will give parents a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure students' progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. This is achieved through parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, Lester website, and information given at parent orientation and Title 1 /School Improvement Council meetings. Meetings and conferences will be held at different times during the day to accommodate the work schedules of our parents.

Lester Elementary School will, if requested by parents, give opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and respond to any suggestions as soon as possible. This can be accomplished at PTA meetings, appointments made with grade level teachers and/or administrators, or at parent-teacher conferences.

If the school-wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating children, the comments and suggestions will be submitted to the Title 1 Committee. Lester Elementary School may use Title 1 funds to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent and family engagement activities to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions (parent workshops).

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Lester Elementary School provides materials and training through Title 1 Parent Meetings (workshops). The workshops are planned from requests on the Title 1 parent surveys. The workshops may include training in literacy, math, study skills, using technology, and other pertinent information to help parents. Parent Workshops will be held at different times throughout the school year.

The Lester Elementary School-Parent Compact will be jointly developed with parents and will outline how parents, school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student achievement. The school-wide program plan is also jointly developed with parents. Parents are involved in the planning (Title 1 Committee Planning Meeting), review, and improvement of the school's Title 1 Program.

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