L.C. Swain Middle School

L.C. Swain Middle School 2023-2024 Parent/Family Engagement Plan

Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

L.C. Swain Middle School strives to empower parents and families to support their children's cognitive and social-emotional development by strengthening school-family-community partnerships through effective communication, resource support, training, decision-making, and encouraging families to become active participants in their child's educational process.

Our goal is to enable students to succeed in the regular program; attain grade-level proficiency; and improve academic achievement.

Annual Title | Meeting

Each year, families are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of the school year to learn more about our school-wide Title I Program and the requirements of Title I. Families may join the meeting in person or virtually on October 10, 2023.

The meeting will provide parents the opportunity to review the Title I documents and give input in the following:

- School Parent Compact
- Parent's Right to Know
- Parent/Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
- Title I Budget

Parent and Family Engagement Trainings

Based on feedback from the previous year's success, we will provide the following activities to assist families in building their capacity to support learning at home and to support their children's academic achievement:

- Tapping into Technology: How to Monitor and Support your Students in a Virtual World
- High School: The Choice is Yours!

Shared Decision-Making

Families will be invited to many meetings throughout the year to receive academic information, reports, and provide input on ways the school, families and students can share responsibility for student success. We hope you will join us for SAC meetings, parent conferences, Title I meetings, and parent trainings.

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Communication

Based on your input, we will provide flexible meeting dates and times to accommodate work schedules. We will also communicate in an on-going and timely manner using a variety of methods including the SIS Gateway; Parent Link; school marquee; our school website, school newsletter; social media, emails, phone calls from teachers, school counselors, and school administration; by flyers sent home with your student or posted on social media; through notes in your student's agenda, school "weekly update"/calendar, and academic reports. If you find that communication does not seem to be getting home, please let us know.

Accessibility for all Families

We encourage all families to attend meetings and events. School staff will provide supports needed for all families to be able to participate and be engaged in their child's education. We provide translated documents and interpreters (academic reports, flyers), accessible meeting space, and multiple meeting days and times. Please notify the school if other assistance is needed. We want all families to be a part of their child's education!

Our Plan

This plan was written in partnership with families, staff, and members of our school community. We welcome your suggestions to improve our family engagement practices. You are also encouraged to attend our annual Stakeholder Input Meeting in the spring and complete training evaluations, and a Parent and Family Engagement Survey sent home each year.