

Lake Worth Community Middle School

2023 -2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Mission Statement

Lake Worth Community Middle School is committed to equipping students with the knowledge and skills required for high school readiness. Parental readiness for school promotes an encouraging and supportive approach to a child's education and learning. Parental and guardian involvement across the middle school continuum is essential in ensuring that children are ready to learn, successful, and able to access learning.

Our goal is to collaborate with parents and guardians in the shared decision-making of their child's education through effective communication, encouragement, active participation, and parent training sessions.

Involvement of Stakeholders

The Schoolwide Plan and the Parent Involvement Plan are presented to parents at our School Advisory Council meeting held within the first four weeks of school. These meetings are held in the evening to allow working parents the opportunity to attend. All stakeholders are invited via Parent Link and school marquee to participate in monthly School Advisory Council meetings. Minutes from monthly SAC meetings are available and include Title I information. Additionally, notifications are sent out to parents regarding parent trainings, SAC Meetings (monthly), Open House, and any other events scheduled on campus. The stakeholders were a part of the CNA process during the spring SAC meeting that was held on February 21, 2023. During SAC meetings we examine climate and state assessment data as part of the school improvement process to identify school's academic needs, root causes and possible solutions. All parents receive a copy of the Parent Involvement Plan and are asked to submit any suggestions or comments via the suggestion box imbedded on the PIP. The submitted suggestions are considered by the School Improvement team.

Annual Title I Meeting

Parents and guardians are always invited and encouraged to attend the yearly Title I meeting that takes place during the first nine weeks of school. This year's annual Title I Annual meeting will be virtual and is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 21, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

Parent/Family Building Capacity Trainings

The activities and trainings planned will provide valuable insight to parents and assist them in understanding state standards and assessments that will help them support their children academically. The parents are invited to the parent trainings via Parent Link and notifications sent home in student backpacks.

SIS Gateway and Interpreting my Child's Report Card Training: Parents will navigate the SIS Gateway program that provides parents/guardians timely access to their student's information including class schedule, past and current grades, discipline history, and attendance history. Parents will be asked to bring their child's Chromebook, a cell phone or another device to participate in the interactive training. Parents will receive an overview of the Student Information System and an explanation of how valuable this resource tool is for them and their child.

STEAM Night: The purpose of STEAM Night is to promote science, technology, engineering, arts and math at Lake Worth Community Middle School for an educational fun night of family interaction. Parents will rotate among 20 interactive hands-on training stations where they will learn how science, technology, engineering, and math concepts are applied through a series of experiments. They will also interact with unique forms of art that challenge their problem-solving skills.

Middle School Transition: Parents will interact with guidance counselors and teachers as they learn and ask questions about the transition process from elementary school to middle school.

They will receive crucial information about core classes, grading and grading scales, attendance, how to monitor student progress, strategies to help their child succeed, and who to contact with questions or concerns if their child is facing challenges with the transition to middle school.

Shared Decision-Making

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

Communication

Lake Worth Community Middle 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 such as our school website, parent-link, social media (Facebook and Twitter), phone calls (from teachers, school counselors, Community Language Facilitator, and administration), and notifications sent home by students. We also encourage parents to check the Gateway SIS platform for their child's academic progress in each class. Parents may also contact the school at any time to inquire about their child or any upcoming parent event.

Accessibility for all Families

We encourage all families to attend meetings and events. School staff will provide support as needed for all families to participate and engage in their child's education. We provide translated documents, Community Language Facilitators for translation, accessible meeting spaces, and multiple events and parent training sessions. We want all families to be a part of their child's education and encourage families to contact the school in the event a specific accommodation is needed.

Volunteers

Families are encouraged to volunteer at our school to help students and teachers with the academic success of their child. To find out more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the school and ask to speak with the school counselor, Mrs. Dunkley, who oversees the school's volunteer program.

Our Plan

This plan was written in partnership with families, staff and other stakeholders. We welcome your suggestions to improve our family engagement practices. If you have comments, you may write them below. You are encouraged to attend our annual stakeholder Input Meeting in the spring and complete training evaluations and the Parent and Family Engagement survey sent home each year.