

Title I School-Level Parental Engagement Policy Lathrop High School

Lathrop High School has developed a written Title I parental engagement policy with input from Title I parents. This policy was drafted on site and provided to multiple parent groups for discussion, input and revision. This policy is available to all parents. This parent engagement policy is posted on the school website and distributed in first day packets and at various parent meetings. The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parental engagement requirements [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive].

Engagement of Parents in the Title I Program

To engage parents in the Title I program at Lathrop High School the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program. This typically happens at our Back-to-School Night; otherwise, we call a special parent meeting to discuss Title 1 participation.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening. At LHS, we provide opportunities to parents to meet on a variety of days and times, and when possible, we also provide daycare.
- The school engages parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental engagement policy.
- LHS provides a variety of opportunities for parents to meet with staff, to be involved in and to provide feedback on school services and areas for improvement. These opportunities are both organized/ongoing (such as ELAC and Athletic Boosters) and impromptu meetings.
- The school provides parents of Title I students with timely information about Title I programs. LHS uses a variety of forums and media to provide timely information about our programs, including the school website, Back-to-School Night, 8th Grade Parent Night, ELAC meetings, first day packets, our school calendar, the marquee, and social media.
- The school provides parents with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Data is also shared with students in class and in goal-setting. Throughout the year parents are provided curriculum and assessment information along with the current progress of their student(s).
- If requested by parents, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. At LHS parent engagement in their student's education is encouraged, and regular meetings are held at a parent's request.

School-Parent Compact

Lathrop High School distributes to parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning

- The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences; frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities

The compact was developed jointly with parents, school staff, and students, who all share responsibility for improving student academic achievement. Meetings were conducted with these stakeholder groups during which input on how to support students was gathered. Stakeholders agree that all groups play a role in student access to high quality curriculum and instruction.

Building Capacity for Engagement

Lathrop High School engages Title I parents in meaningful interactions with the school. LHS supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, LHS has established the following practices:

- The school provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children. Information regarding state standards, assessments, and monitoring is made available to parents at the annual Title One meeting and the other parent groups meetings. This information is also available at Back-to-School Night and through parent-teacher conferences.
- The school provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement.
- Lathrop High School collects needs assessment information from various parent groups and provides workshops and information as requested by parents. Counselors support grade-level parent forums, where parents can learn how best to support their students. Teachers are readily available to meet with parents, too, to help provide knowledge and skill in supporting student success.
- With the assistance of parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.
- Lathrop High School promotes a strongly positive and welcoming school climate. Parents are encouraged to become an active part of the LHS community.
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental engagement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- Lathrop High School provides parent friendly Title 1 information, phone calls, workshops, calendar of events posted, announcements, and various social media access points.
- The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand.
- Lathrop High School provides translation for newsletters, parent-teacher meetings, and all necessary correspondence.
- The school provides support for parental engagement activities requested by Title I parents.
- Lathrop High School gathers information from various parent meetings and schedules workshops and activities based on parent needs and requests.

Accessibility

Lathrop High School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand. All school correspondence is translated into Spanish as required by parent need. Meetings are held in areas compliant with ADA, and whenever possible, we provide childcare service to encourage parent participation.