

# Lowery Elementary School

## Written Parent Involvement Policy

### **Mission Statement:**

Lowery staff and parents will work together to create an environment that supports well-rounded students that have self-confidence about their future endeavors.

Lowery Elementary School will make every effort to include parents in the development, evaluation, and revision of the Parental Involvement Policy and application of funding sources to support the total school program. The home school agreement will describe the responsibilities of key stakeholders.

### **Developing the Policy**

A Title I committee will be formed consisting of administration, representative staff, and at least one parent. The committee will convene at a time and place convenient to all its members.

### **Annual Meeting**

Lowery will hold an annual meeting at the beginning of the school year for parents. At that meeting the Title I program will be described, the Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed and reviewed, and opportunities for parental participation will be explained. The annual meeting will be held for the convenience of parents and handouts of the meeting will be sent to all parents. Since the goal of Lowery is student success, the expectations for school performance, individual student assessments, and grade level curriculum will be provided in a format parents can understand via the weekly grade level newsletter. Parents will be advised that the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program will be evaluated annually and the policy will be revised to meet the needs of the students, school, parents, and community.

### **Building Capacity**

Lowery values the partnership of the parents in their children's education. There are ways parents can make significant contributions to student success both at home and by volunteering at school. Student achievement is the result of an effective home-school-community partnership.

Lowery will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement through avenues such as:

- Providing assistance to parents in how to monitor a child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve student achievement.
- Providing materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve student achievement.
- Providing training to teachers and school personnel with the assistance of parents to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the school.
- Providing opportunities for parents to attend school events such as open house/meet the teacher, grade level musicals and special events, field day, curriculum night, parent conferences, and a variety of club events throughout the year.
- Providing information in a format and language the parents understand.

### **Staff-Parent Communication**

Lowery will communicate with parents on a regular basis in the following ways:

- The Lariat Monthly Campus Newsletter with Flyers & Handouts, sent out by School Messenger and posted on our website
- Weekly Newsletters by Grade Level with Teacher Contact Information
- Social Media – Lowery Elementary Facebook, Lowery Elementary PTO Facebook, Twitter: @LoweryCFISD
- Phone calls, e-mails, face-to-face conferences, Zoom meetings, Class Dojo, Remind101, School Messenger, and in-home visits.
- All communication will be provided in a language and format the parents can understand. Parents are encouraged to contact the school or the child's teacher when questions or problems arise. We have people on staff that can help with translations in Spanish. If other languages are needed, please contact Lowery.

### **Evaluation**

The CPOC Committee will evaluate the effectiveness of the Parental Involvement Program. Resources that will include assessment data and surveys will be used to determine the needs and develop revised strategies for student success. Any changes to the Title I Program and the Parental Involvement Policy will be developed and agreed upon with parent input and will be communicated to the parents in the school.