

# Lawrence County Board of Education Parental Involvement Policy

## Purpose

The Lawrence County Board of Education believes that parental involvement is essential for student success. We are committed to fostering a partnership between families, schools, and the community to improve student achievement. This policy outlines how we will work together to promote and enhance parental involvement and build the capacity of parents to actively participate in the educational process.

## General Policy Statement

In compliance with Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Lawrence County Board of Education will engage parents in meaningful ways to support the academic achievement of their children. The Board recognizes that the collaboration between parents, schools, and the community is vital to the success of our students. Therefore, we will ensure that parents are involved in decision-making processes and provided with the tools and resources they need to actively support their child's education.

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## 1. Involvement in the Development of the Parental Involvement Policy

The Lawrence County Board of Education will involve parents in the development and annual review of the Parental Involvement Policy. This includes:

- **Surveys and feedback sessions** for parents to express their views and suggestions on how the school can strengthen parent engagement.
  - **Parent meetings** to provide opportunities for discussion and to encourage participation in policy formulation.
  - **Annual review of the policy** to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments based on parent and community feedback.
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## 2. Coordination and Integration of Parental Involvement Activities

We will coordinate our efforts with other programs and services, such as Head Start, preschool programs, and after-school initiatives, to ensure that parental involvement is consistent and effective across all educational levels. This includes:

- Providing parents with information about school-wide programs and services.
- Aligning parent involvement activities with academic standards and school improvement goals.

- Collaborating with local community organizations to support family engagement and student success.
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### 3. Accessibility of Parent Involvement Opportunities

The Lawrence County Board of Education will ensure that parents have access to involvement opportunities that are convenient, flexible, and accommodating to their schedules and needs. This includes:

- Offering **meetings and events at various times** (e.g., morning, afternoon, evening) to accommodate different work schedules.
  - Providing **interpretation and translation services** for non-English speaking families to ensure full participation.
  - Ensuring that **childcare** is available for parents attending meetings or events when possible.
  - Using multiple communication platforms (e.g., email, text, social media, phone calls) to keep parents informed and involved.
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### 4. Building Parent Capacity for Involvement

The Lawrence County Board of Education will build the capacity of parents to effectively engage in their child's education through a variety of activities and resources:

1. **Workshops and Training Sessions:** Offering workshops that focus on helping parents understand academic standards, assessment results, and how they can support their child's learning at home.
  2. **Parent Resource Centers:** Providing a dedicated space for parents with resources such as books, guides, and online materials that promote academic success and parenting skills.
  3. **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Facilitating regular conferences to discuss student progress and provide strategies for academic support.
  4. **Community Partnerships:** Collaborating with local businesses, agencies, and organizations to offer additional training and workshops on relevant topics (e.g., college readiness, financial literacy).
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### 5. Parent Participation in School Decision-Making

The Lawrence County Board of Education will ensure that parents have a meaningful role in school decision-making processes. This includes:

- Encouraging parent involvement in **School Improvement Teams** and other advisory groups.
  - Providing parents with opportunities to participate in the **development and review of the school's Title I Plan** and other educational programs.
  - Holding regular **parent forums** where parents can voice their concerns, provide feedback, and make recommendations regarding school policies and practices.
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## 6. Providing Timely Information and Assistance

To build strong relationships between home and school, we will provide parents with clear, timely, and relevant information about their child's academic progress. This includes:

- Sending home regular progress reports and report cards.
  - Offering **workshops or informational sessions** on topics such as interpreting standardized test scores and understanding the school's grading policies.
  - Providing a **student handbook** and online resources that outline school expectations, rules, and procedures.
  - Ensuring that parents are informed about school events, parent-teacher conferences, and volunteer opportunities through school websites, newsletters, and social media.
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## Evaluation of Parent Involvement Activities

The Lawrence County Board of Education will evaluate the effectiveness of this Parental Involvement Policy each year. We will assess:

- The level of parental involvement in various school activities and decision-making processes.
- The success of programs designed to build parent capacity for supporting their children's education.
- Parent satisfaction with the policy and its implementation through surveys, feedback forms, and community meetings.

Changes and updates will be made based on the feedback received to ensure that the policy remains relevant and effective in promoting parent involvement.

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## Conclusion

The Lawrence County Board of Education recognizes that engaged parents are critical to student success. We are committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment that

encourages active participation by parents in their children's education. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed academically and socially.