



2025 - 2026 Parent and Family Engagement Policy & School Parent Compact

Lamar Middle School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

Our goal through the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Compact is to explain how Lamar Middle School will support the important role families play in the education of their children.

Mission	Vision	Goal
Lamar Middle School's purpose is to cultivate conditions in which all students learn at high levels, achieve personal growth, and acquire 21st Century Skills needed to be successful adults.	Learning, Growing, and Belonging for All.	Lamar Middle School recognizes that a child's education is a duty that is shared by the school and family. For our children to succeed, it is vital for all students, parents, families, community members, and staff to work together in a partnership.

Demographics

Because a particular percentage of Lamar Middle School students are considered low income, the entire school is listed as a Title 1 School. Our school receives "Title 1 Funds" (federal money) to supplement the school's existing programs to help maximize our students' success. All Title 1 schools are required to implement a Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The policy is to outline an intentional plan for Parent and Family engagement. This document fulfills the State's requirement.

Annual Title 1 Meeting

An annual meeting will be held to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, to explain the Title I requirements, and the right of parents to be involved. Lamar Middle School will invite all parents and will encourage them to attend.

The Annual Title I Meeting for the 2025-2026 school year will be held on:

- **September 10, 2025, in-person in the Lamar Cafeteria**
- **September 10, 2025, virtual via Zoom (<https://irvingisd-net.zoom.us/j/91775949598>)**

Parent Meetings and Involvement

Parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Parent & Family Engagement Policy, and in the development of our school-wide program in an organized, positive, and ongoing way.

- Volunteers will serve on the Campus Improvement Committee (CIC).
- The CIC will meet four times a year to address campus needs as they relate to the school-wide plan and the Parent & Family Engagement Policy.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to comment on the school-wide plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy when they are made public to the community.
- An annual review, evaluation, and revision of the Parent and Family Engagement and school-wide plan will occur in the spring semester and will include parents through surveys as well as the CIC.

Opportunities for individual parent meetings will be provided at the parent's request to give suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible. Parents who make requests will be given the opportunity to meet:

- Through a request to meet with a campus administrator by calling 972-600-4400 (front office number).
- Through meetings with the student's teacher which may include the Title I Parent Liaison, the Principal, and other staff as appropriate.

Format and Distribution

All information about Lamar Middle School Title I programs will be provided to parents in a uniform format, in English and Spanish, and any other language, to meet the needs of our school community. Upon request, parents with disabilities will be provided information in alternative formats whenever reasonably possible.

Information will be provided in the following ways:

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| • Phone calls | • School meetings |
| • School memos and newsletters | • Lamar Middle School website |
| • School Messenger | • Peachjar |
| • Kinvoled messages (text and email) | • Social media, including School Website, Instagram, and X |

Information provided to parents about the Title I programs will include a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, assessments, and achievement levels which children are expected to reach. The school will give parents this information in the following ways:

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| • Progress reports | • Report cards |
| • Parent Information Nights | • Meet the Teacher Night |
| • Home-School Compacts | • Monthly campus newsletters |
| • Parent contact via phone calls and emails | • Family Nights throughout the year |
| • School-wide parent teacher conferences, and individual conferences as needed | • The annual Title I meetings (beginning and end of school year) |
| • Social Media – Instagram, X, School Website, Peachjar | • Parents can access their child's performance on the STAAR exams through the Home Access Center (HAC) |

Coordination of Programs and Planning

Lamar Middle School will assist parents by helping them to understand the state and district standards, the assessments and how to monitor their child's progress in the following ways:

Monitoring their child's progress is available in the following ways	○ Online grade book: Home Access Center (HAC) ○ Progress reports ○ Report cards ○ Parent-Teacher contacts (phone, e-mail, meetings)
Various parent and family engagement opportunities	○ Parent conferences ○ All Pro Dad meetings ○ Academic events ○ Family engagement Events
Teacher communications with parents	○ School Messenger ○ Kinvoled (text and email) ○ Talking Points ○ Remind ○ Peachjar
Parenting classes	TBD - Dates and Times provided monthly by Lamar Middle School Parent Liaison

Lamar Middle School will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent in a format that parents can easily understand.

- Copies of flyers, phone messages, and other notices will be kept as documentation by the Title I Parent Involvement Liaison.

Reasonable support for parental involvement activities will be provided.

- Funds are set aside for parental involvement and will be spent upon the agreed activities.
- Materials for the parent center will be provided as needed.

Community organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate in parental involvement activities.

- Lamar Middle School will form partnerships with various city and community stakeholders.

School, Parent, and Student Responsibilities

<u>School Responsibilities</u> Lamar Middle School will:	• Be a positive, contributing member of our collaborative team. • Develop and implement local common formative and summative assessments to monitor each student's learning. • Use evidence of student learning to inform and improve our practice and to better meet the needs of individual students. • Engage in meaningful, job-embedded staff development to enhance our professional skills. • Utilize a variety of instructional strategies to promote success for all students. • Initiate individual and small group instructional practices to provide additional learning time for all students. • Communicate and provide parents with resources, strategies, and information to help students succeed.
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<u>Parent Responsibilities</u> We, as parents, will support our children's learning by:	● Monitoring attendance. ● Ensuring homework is completed. ● Taking the initiative to seek the best educational opportunities for my child. ● Actively volunteering at Lamar Middle School. ● Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education. ● Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time. ● Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school. ● Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Lamar's School Improvement Team, or other school advisory or policy groups. ● Respecting the teachers and supporting the Lamar Middle School staff as partners in the education of my child.
<u>Student Responsibilities</u> We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the state's high standards. Specifically, I will:	● Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it. ● Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time. ● Give my parents all notices and information received by me from my school every day. ● Let my teacher and family know if I need help. ● Respect teachers, staff members and all students. ● Have a positive attitude. ● Follow school-wide and classroom rules and expectations. ● Adhere to the ethical use of technology regarding property, privacy, and appropriateness. ● Always try my best!

Development of the Plans

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan and Compact is developed by parents and the Lamar Middle School Staff in the Spring of each year and will be in effect for the upcoming school year.

The school will distribute this Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School Parent Compact to all parents and make it available to the community on or before September 10, 2025.

Questions? Comments?

Contact Eric Ogle, Lamar Middle School, 972-600-4400