



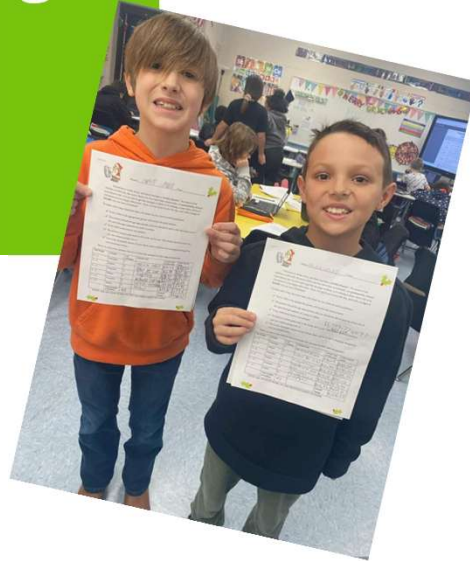
2025-2026
Annual Title I
Meeting
LAKE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Why are we
here?



- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:
 - inform you of your school's participation in Title I,
 - explain the requirements of Title I, and
 - explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

What will I learn?

Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting Agenda

- What is a Title I school?
- What are my rights?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the SIP?
- How is parent and family engagement funded?
- What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-Parent Compact?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?
- How can I be involved?
- Who can I contact for help?



What is a Title I school?

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- Title I schools receive extra funding from the federal government which is used to:
 - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
 - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
 - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.



What are my rights?

- The families of Title I students have a right, by law, to:
 - be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level;
 - be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science;
 - request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child by contacting your school or Board of Education and
 - request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.





What can Title I funds be used for?

■ In general, Title I funds may be used for:

- smaller class sizes,
- additional teachers and paraprofessionals,
- additional training for school staff,
- extra time for instruction (before and/or after school programs),
- parent and family engagement activities, and/or
- a variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment, and technology.





How does our
school use
Title I funds?

- For this year, Lake County Schools is allotted **\$375,705.32** in Title I funding.
- We developed a **Schoolwide Program**, which means that every student can benefit from Title I funds.
- These funds are used to provide:
 - RTI Teachers
 - Instructional Coaches
 - Instructional Materials
 - Technology

What is the School Improvement Plan (SIP)?



School Improvement Plan includes:

- School planning team, which includes family members
- Needs assessment of academic and non-academic data
- Prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps
- Teacher and staff professional development needs
- Budgets and the coordination of resources





What is family engagement?



- Family engagement is a **shared responsibility** in which schools and other community agencies and organizations are committed to reaching out to engage families in meaningful ways and in which families are committed to actively supporting their children's learning and development.
- Effective family engagement cuts across and reinforces learning in the **multiple settings** where children learn – at home, in pre-kindergarten programs, in school, in after-school programs, in faith-based institutions, and in the community.

Source: The National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (<https://nafsce.site-ym.com/page/definition>)



What are the benefits of family engagement?



▪ For students:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance
- More positive attitudes and better behavior
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater enrollment in postsecondary education

▪ For Parents and Families:

- More confidence and trust in the school
- Increased confidence in their parenting skills
- Creates a home environment that encourages learning
- Encourages families to form stronger relationships with teachers and other families

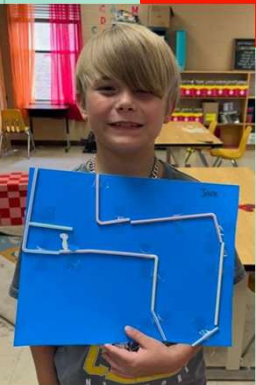
▪ For Schools and Teachers:

- Improved teacher and staff morale
- Higher ratings of schools and teachers by families
- More support from families
- Higher student achievement
- Increased and improved relationships within the community

How is parent and family engagement funded?



- We are required by law to set aside 1% of our Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- You, as Title I parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.
- This year, we have set aside \$800.00 for family engagement.
- We plan to use these funds for:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Meeting and Events
 - Materials/Supplies





What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?



- These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA. Components should include:
 - how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities;
 - how parent and family engagement funds are being used;
 - how information and training will be provided to families; and
 - how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.





What is a School-Parent Compact?



- A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.
- The compact describes how we will:
 - provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
 - hold parent-teacher conferences;
 - provide parents with reports on their child's progress;
 - provide parents reasonable access to staff;
 - provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
 - ensure regular, two-way, meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.



Where can I
find the School-
Parent
Compact?



- Paper version will be shared at the first Parent/ Teacher Conference
- Electronic version will be available on the district website





What
curriculum
does our
school
use?



Tennessee Academic Standards

- <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>



Margaret
Newton
Elementary
Pre-K through
2nd Grade
Curriculum

Math - SAVVAS Realize

**ELA- BENCHMARK
ADVANCE**

PHONICS-CKLA and Heggerty

Lara Kendall
Elementary and
Lake County
Middle School
3rd - 8th Curriculum

3rd-5th Grade

ELA - Benchmark

Math - SAVVAS Realize

Science - SAVVAS Realize

6th-8th Grade

ELA - Imagine Learning

Math - Big Ideas

Science- Kiddom Open SciEd

Social Studies - Gallopade

Lake County
High School 9-
12 Curriculum

Math - Big Ideas

English - Imagine Learning

Science - McGraw Hill

CTE - ICEV



What tests
will my child
be taking this
year?

- Assessment Calendar available on the district website
- Aimsweb, CASE, TCAP, and EOCs
- *Some dates are administration windows. This does not necessarily mean that students will test each day of the window.



How can I be involved?

■ Ways families can be involved:

- Encouraging attendance
- Monitoring grades and schoolwork in ParentVUE
- Attending family events and meetings
- Joining PTO
- Reading school/classroom newsletters
- Checking school and district website
- Checking Lake County Schools Facebook Page
- Checking Lake County Schools TikTok Account





LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Contact Information



Principal, School
Secretary, or
School
Counselor

- Call the School Office to make an appointment

Teacher

- Email
- Call the School Office for an appointment

Family Liaison

- Call (731)253-3821

Board of
Education

- Call (731)253-6601

Feedback Survey

