2026-2027 Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Mission Statement

Lake Worth Community Middle School will provide students with the tools necessary to succeed at the high school level. The LWCMS community will accomplish the goal to prepare students for graduation and beyond through the use of The Warrior Way. The Warrior Way is a pervasive school culture based on the values of good citizenship, relevant academic rigor, ethical behavior, and the fundamental attitude of respecting others as you would have them respect you. We will serve our students with the understanding that diversity in gender, culture, and background is a strength to be respected and that education is the shared responsibility of the student, home, school, and community.

Involvement of Stakeholders

The Schoolwide Plan and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan are presented to parents at our School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting within the first four weeks of the school year. These meetings are scheduled in the evening to accommodate working parents. All stakeholders are invited to participate in monthly SAC meetings via Parent Link and the school marquee. Minutes from these meetings, which include Title I information, and are made available. Additionally, parents receive notifications about parent training, SAC meetings, Open House, and other campus events.

Stakeholders participated in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) process during the SAC Meeting in the Spring. During these meetings, we review climate and state assessment data as part of the school improvement process to identify the school's academic needs, root causes, and potential solutions. All parents receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and are encouraged to submit suggestions or comments via the suggestion box embedded in the plan. The School Improvement The team considers all submitted suggestions.

Annual Title I Meeting

Parents and guardians are always invited and encouraged to attend the yearly Title I meeting that takes place during the first nine weeks of school. This year's annual Title I Annual meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Parent/Family Building Capacity Trainings

The activities and trainings planned will provide valuable insight to parents and assist them in understanding state standards and assessments that will help them support their children academically. The parents are invited to the parent trainings via Parent Link and notifications sent home in student Backpacks.

Curriculum Night Parents will receive essential information that will support their child's learning throughout the year. They will have the opportunity to see firsthand what their children will be learning, including an overview of the timetable, daily routine, and a detailed curriculum breakdown.

This will also cover field trips and other topics that students are excited about. Additionally, parents will gain insight into homework expectations, evaluation practices, and necessary school supplies for their child's success. Teachers will outline their communication plans with students and parents, whether through emails, agendas, or other digital platforms. Overall, this will be an opportunity for the school and parents to connect and build a sense of community.

SIS Gateway and Interpreting my Child's Report Card Training: Parents will navigate the SIS Gateway program that provides parents/guardians timely access to their student's information including class schedule, past and current grades, discipline history, and attendance history. Parents will be asked to bring their child's Chromebook, a cell phone or another device to participate in the interactive training. Parents will receive an overview of the Student Information System and an explanation of how valuable this resource tool is for them and their child.

STEAM Night: The purpose of STEAM Night is to promote science, technology, engineering, arts and math at Lake Worth Community Middle School for an educational fun night of family interaction. Parents will rotate among 20 interactive hands-on training stations where they will learn how science, technology, engineering, and math concepts are applied through a series of experiments. They will also interact with unique forms of art that challenge their problem-solving skills.

Shared Decision-Making

Families will be invited to numerous meetings throughout the year to receive academic information, interact with staff regarding school reports, and provide their input on how the school, families, and students can share responsibility for student success. We encourage parents to join us for SAC meetings, parent conferences, Title I meetings, and parent trainings and events.

Communication

Lake Worth Community Middle will provide flexible meeting dates and times to accommodate work schedules. We will also communicate in an on-going and timely manner and in Spanish, English, and Haitian Creole using a variety of methods such as our school website, parent-link, social media (Facebook and Twitter), phone calls (from teachers, school counselors, Community Language Facilitator, and administration), and notifications sent home by students. We also encourage parents to check the Gateway SIS platform for their child's academic progress in each class. Parents may also contact the school at any time to inquire about their child's academic status or any upcoming parent/school event.

Accessibility for all Families

We encourage all families to attend meetings and events. School staff will provide support as needed for all families to participate and engage in their child's education. We provide translated documents, Community Language Facilitators for translation, accessible meeting spaces for people of all abilities, and multiple events and parent training sessions. We encourage all families to be a part of their child's education and encourage families to contact a school counselor in the event a specific accommodation is needed.

Volunteers

Families are encouraged to volunteer at our school to help students and teachers with the academic success of their child. To find out more about volunteer opportunities, please contact the school and ask to speak with the school counselor, Mr. Galicia, who oversees the school's volunteer program.

Our Plan

This plan was written in partnership with families, staff and other stakeholders. We welcome your suggestions to improve our family engagement practices. You are encouraged to attend our annual stakeholder Input Meeting in the spring and complete training evaluations and the Parent and Family Engagement survey sent home each year.