



Lakewood High School SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2026-2027

The mission of Lakewood High School is to create 21st-century scholars equipped with the skills needed to be college and/or career-ready through critical thinking and problem-solving. We believe that active parent/community involvement is essential to the success of our students, therefore:

- Each year, a draft Parent Involvement Policy will be presented to parents and other community members at our Title I Open House or other events, school-wide meeting. Questions, comments, and suggestions will be addressed at that time. All input will be considered, and changes will be made to the Parent Involvement Policy as appropriate. If no input is given, the Policy will be adopted as is.
- Each fall, the school's Title I program will be presented to parents and other community members at our annual Title I Open House. This presentation will include an explanation of what Title I is, how Title I funds are used at our school, and how parents can become involved in Title I planning and activities. Questions, comments, and suggestions for improvement will be discussed and considered at that time.
- Each year, a draft Title I Parent Compact will be presented to parents and other community members at our Title I Open House or other school-wide meeting. This Compact will outline the commitments required by the school, parents, and students to ensure success for all children at Lakewood High School. Questions, comments, and suggestions will be addressed at that time. All input will be considered, and changes will be made to the Parent Involvement Policy as appropriate. If no input is given, the Compact will be adopted as is.
- During each school year, we will have a minimum of two Family nights: a Family Literacy Night in the Fall and a Math and Science and/or Technology Night in the Spring. Students and their families will be engaged in a variety of learning experiences. Parents will receive useful learning tips and activities that they can use at home to help ensure that their children are successful at school. Families may also engage in fun activities with their children at a fall festival and a spring festival, which will include activities from community members and school personnel.
- During each school year, we will have a minimum of two Title I Parent Workshops. Students should attend these workshops with their parents/family members. These workshops will be held at various times and on different days to accommodate the varying schedules of parents and other family members and will include information about academic standards and assessments. Additionally, the Workshops will provide parents/family members with activities they can do to help their children at home. Title I funds will be used to support attendance at these Workshops.
- Teachers, administrators, and other school staff members are available to communicate with parents through various methods: agendas, phone calls, conferences, newsletters, notes home, email, etc. If necessary, written communication will be translated into the appropriate language and interpreters will be made available for oral communication. Parents are encouraged to provide input and assist in making decisions regarding their child's education.
- A school newsletter is provided monthly to keep parents informed of various grade-level, school, and district events. These newsletters are intended to help parents become familiar with the work their children are doing at school each week. Community members can access our newsletter through the Lakewood High School website (<https://lhs.sumterschools.net/>).
- Each fall and spring, we will host parent-teacher conferences. At this event, teachers will help parents understand the curriculum, standards, and academic requirements of each grade level. Teachers and parents will also have the opportunity to discuss the individual child's areas of strength/need and discuss ways to help improve his/her achievement.
- Our School Improvement Council (SIC)/Title I Leadership Team consists of teachers, parents, and community members and meets regularly. The purpose of this team is to serve as the foundation for actively involving parents and the community in designing goals for the school, as well as projects and initiatives to enhance the educational experiences of our students. This team also creates, reviews, and evaluates the school's Title I plan and the School Renewal Plan.
- Each teacher has his/her method of utilizing parent support depending on the needs of his/her classroom. Parent and community volunteers are always welcome at Lakewood High School!

(Please contact an administrator about the Sumter School District guidelines/requirements for volunteering in our school.)

Signature: _____

Sumter School District is an equal opportunity employer.