

Lakeshore Middle School Parent Involvement Policy

The Lakeshore Middle School Parent Involvement Policy was created as a collaborative effort between staff and parents addressing the importance of parent involvement. Lakeshore is committed to helping each student meet their academic achievement goals. This policy meets the requirements under Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Lakeshore Middle School will ensure the involvement of all parents and the opportunity to interact with their children's school by offering the following opportunities, including those with disabilities and parents who use English as their second language:

- Open House
- Parent nights (Transition nights, EXPLORE, technology training – Parent Internet Viewer, books online)
- Give & Take orientation
- Parent teacher conferences (fall, spring, and additional upon parent or teacher request)
- PTA activities
- Flexible IEP and meeting times
- Contact with social worker, psychologist, and/or counselor
- Volunteer opportunities within classrooms, field trips, office, and programming
- Collaboration with community agencies (Tri-Cities Ministries, MAT team, Community Mental Health, Chamber of Commerce, Salvation Army, United Way)
- Transportation assistance
- Telephone/electronic correspondence between parents, teachers, and school
- Staff email addresses available on School webpage
- MEAP parent reports shared by classroom teacher during conferences
- Classroom volunteers
- School Store volunteers
- Field trip chaperones
- Home visits
- Handicapped accessible facilities
- Phone conferences (bilingual interpreter, as needed)
- Newsletter communication
- Bilingual interpreter, as needed, for all parent contacts
- Hispanic family night
- IEPs and transition meetings held to inform parents of goal progress
- Survey to obtain perceptions from parents regarding our academic program and school culture

Lakeshore Middle School will provide timely information regarding the academic curriculum, assessments used to measure progress, and grade level expectations through:

- Electronic communication/telephone calls between parents and teachers
- Weekly school email/newsletter
- Report cards
- Parent conferences (fall, spring, phone, and additional upon parent/teacher request)
- District and school website
- Parent-Student Handbook
- Core Curriculum links on website
- Parent night transition meetings – explain state standards, common assessments, parent internet viewer to monitor student’s progress, MEAP
- EXPLORE parent meeting
- ELPA results for EL students sent to parents
- Local assessment information (district assessments, Aimsweb, delta math) shared with parents at conferences
- Students that receive additional assistance will be progress monitored on a bi-weekly basis depending on student need. Information will be shared with parents when appropriate.
- Interventionists available at conferences to provide information and answer questions about assessments

Lakeshore Middle School offers training and materials to parents through the following events and activities:

- Open House
- Parent nights (transition and orientation)
- Give & Take orientation
- Electronic newsletters with reading and curriculum tips
- Lists of community resources to individuals as needed
- Parents encouraged to attend training sessions around bullying, literacy, and diversity
- Online textbooks and resources

Lakeshore Middle School staff will be trained throughout the year on parental involvement

- Prior to conferences - leading effective conferences
- Staff members communicate with parents about positive behavior