



Lexington
Public Schools

Lexington Public Schools Parental Involvement Policy

General Expectations

The Lexington Public School District Agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation involving parents of participating children.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parental involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that no less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools.

- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:
 - Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-
 - That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's education at school;
 - That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
 - That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
 - The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

Description of how district will implement required district wide parental involvement policy components

1. The Lexington Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:

Meet with parents on the team

Notify parents of revisions to the parental involvement policy

2. The Lexington Public Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

If necessary, Lexington Public Schools will call team members to alert them to school review or school improvement status. Lexington Public Schools will follow all requirements under section 1116 to involve and notify parents of any action concerning school review or school improvement.

3. The Lexington Public Schools will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

Lexington Public Schools will provide communication in the way of paper announcements, public announcements (newspaper), digital communication tools, and/or other communication necessary to inform parties of planning and implementation of Title I programs. Lexington administration will assist Title I staff as needed to effectively plan and work with the school community to plan and implement the Title I program

4. The Lexington Public Schools will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: (Head Start, State Operated Preschool), by:

District communication informing parents about the Pre K and Kindergarten programs.

Inviting parents to pre-enroll for the Pre K and take the opportunity to visit our school.

5. The Lexington Public Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.