



MIRABEAU B. LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate World School

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Lamar High School Parental Engagement Policy 2018-2019

The IB

Learner Profile

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HISD Statement of Purpose:

The Houston Independent School District is committed to working together with parents, students, the community and other stakeholders to improve student academic achievement. The goal of HISD is to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready to succeed in college and/or career of their choice. The district recognizes that parents play an extremely important role as their child's first teacher and are valued partners in the educational process. HISD wants parents to:

- Stay informed about their child's academic well-being through various forms of communication.
- Work in partnership with school staff to help their child achieve at the highest levels.
- Communicate to their child the importance of being prepared for college and/or a career.

LAMAR Parent Engagement Policy 2018-2019:

Lamar High School is dedicated to the philosophy that parent involvement is integral to the success of each student. A strong partnership between the school and home is essential, if a quality educational program is to be provided to all students. For this reason, parents are actively recruited as our partners for success. We pledge to continue maintaining open lines of communication with our parents/guardians so that every student at LHS may have a "voice". Lamar High School agrees to implement the following requirements.

Title 1 General Expectations:

- Parents will be notified of the Title 1 policy and their rights, in a manner that is understandable.
- Lamar High School will provide regular communication of student's improvement, through progress reports and report cards each 3rd and 6 weeks grading period.
- Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences will be established to discuss student progress.
- A parent/school compact will be created to ensure student success by parents, staff and students.
- Parents will be provided assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards and student achievement standards, as well as local assessments through Academic Advising Parent Education meetings, Open Houses, PTO meetings, and Parent University.

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If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, Lamar High School will submit parents' comments on the plan to the Department of External Funding and revise the plan as advised by the HISD Title 1, Part A Parental Involvement Program Administrator and other District designees.

Required Policy Components:

- Lamar High School will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title 1, Part A programs and to explain the Title 1, Part A requirements and the rights of parents to be involved in the Title 1, Part A programs.
- Annual meeting where all parents will be invited and encouraged to attend to develop a school involvement policy.
- Annual meeting at beginning of year to collaborate with parents, staff and students for development of a Parent-School Compact.
- Annual distribution of letter with explanation of curriculum used at LHS.
- Annual distribution of letter with explanation of local and state academic assessments.
- Annual distribution of "Non-Certified Teacher" forms to parents of students not being taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.
- Individual state assessment reports will be made available to every student after completion.
- Title 1 Funding – 1 Counselor, 30-40 Tutors, Supplies, Registration
- Quarterly parent meetings (minimum) will be held to keep parents informed and involved, some of the topics provided will be:
 1. Course Selections
 2. Tutorials
 3. Online Credit Recovery (Grad Lab)
 4. Financial Aid
 5. Special Services/504
 6. Student Service Center
 7. Summer School

Shared Responsibilities:

At Lamar High School, parents are regularly provided with information about Houston ISD, state and national education goals, Title 1 requirements, state assessments and parent meetings. Additionally, we hold sessions where presentations are designed to assist parents on how to access student progress or how to assist their child and ensure that all assignments are complete and up to date on Parent Connect and other



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technology-based programs such as The HUB and Turnitin.Com., Blendspace.com, Pearson.com.

Lamar High School will ensure that information relating to school meetings, parent programs and associated activities will be provided to participating students in a form and language that parents can understand. The entire staff at LHS is readily available to assist parents and students at all times.