

# Lincoln County Middle School

## *Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2016–2017 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

Lincoln County Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.



## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Lincoln County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Lincoln County Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that LCMS will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



### **How is it revised?**

LCMS invited all parents to attend our annual meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school-wide plan, our school-parent compact. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. LCMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

### **Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also request a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

### ***2016–17 District Goals***

Provide multiple opportunities for students to develop complex communication skills for a variety of purposes.

### ***2016–17 School Goals***

Implement effective writing strategies in all content areas

Create writing portfolios that reflect progress on different genres of writing

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, LCMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on

feedback from parents, students and teachers during the

Community Cares event and the School Forum.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

LCMS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation***

Learn valuable information that new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students need to know to be successful at LCMS.

### ***Open House***

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***District Wide Annual Title I Meeting***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the district wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

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### ***6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Title 1 Parent Night (2 per grade level per year)***

Parents will move through their student's schedules to understand what the expectations are. Parents will be given valuable information regarding standards and testing.

### ***2 Title 1 Parent Conference Nights***

Parents will be able to sit down one on one with their child's teacher to discuss their student's success and progress.

### ***5 Title 1 Parent Workshops – given by the Parent Coordinator***

Parents will be able to participate in 5 workshops throughout the year:

- 1- Internet Safety
- 2- Parent Involvement
- 3- Child's Educational Future
- 4- Testing
- 5- Transitions

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Title 1 High School Registration Night***

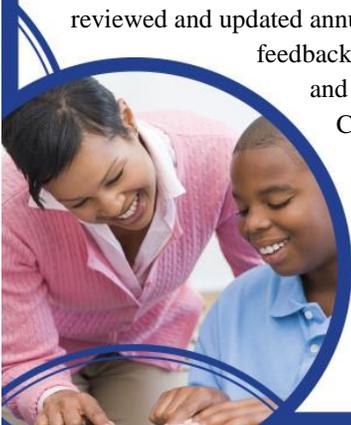
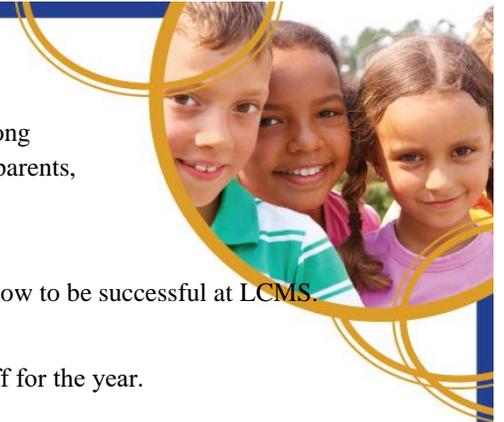
Parents and students will be able to sit down with the High School Counselor and discuss the path their student should begin in High School and classes they will need to have in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tour***

5<sup>th</sup> grade students will tour LCMS.

### ***Parent-Teacher Partnership (PTP) Meetings***

Our PTP will meet throughout the year. Parents are welcome to be involved with our partnership.



## Parent Resource Center

We are updating our Parent Resource Center that will provide valuable information for our parents. The Parent Resource Center will be for the district and will be located in the Middle School Teacher Workroom

## Parental Involvement

LCMS believes that 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 learning.
- 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.

LCMS is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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## LCMS is Branching Out!

Lincoln County Middle School uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information about Title I programs and the academic progress of the students. Information about the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are sent to parents in a format and language the parents can understand.

- **Parent Portal:** This web site is available to parents, via the school's webpage. The purpose of the link is to provide information to parents about daily assignments, school activities, the school calendar, and items of interest for students and parents. Parents can log to <http://lcms.lincolncountyschools.org> and click the parent portal tab.
- **Student Handbook:** Each student at LCMS receives a student handbook to help students and parents stay informed of policy and procedures. Also included in the book is the parent-student-teacher compact and the Code of Conduct.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Lincoln County Middle School has an open door policy that encourages parents to visit the school. Individual parent conferences are held when needed throughout the year to provide parents with information about the academic assessments and the proficiency level of their children. School-wide parent conferences are held once each semester for parents to come and talk with teachers about their child's progress in middle school.
- **Lincoln County Middle School Newsletter:** This is an informational letter for parents published monthly. Pertinent information about the school is published in this letter.
- **The Lincoln Journal:** The county's weekly newspaper is used as a tool to notify parents of important events scheduled by the school and as a means of publishing the accomplishments of the students and the school
  - **Parental Needs Assessment Survey:** Available to parents each spring on the school's website <http://lcms.lincolncountyschools.org> Feedback from the Parental Needs Assessment is used to improve the partnership between the school and the parent.
  - **Lincoln County Middle School Website:** This is an easy way for parents to stay up-to-date on what is happening at the middle school via the school calendar. The website also contains valuable resources for parents and students. <http://lcms.lincolncountyschools.org>
  - **LCMS Facebook page:** This page informs parents and students about upcoming events and highlights our student's successes. The page will be a chronological log of exceptional classroom activities throughout the year.



## Parental Involvement Standards

LCMS and our parents will work together to continue engaging the community through:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

## School Community Team

LCMS invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (706) 359-3069 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



## School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the School Community Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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