

Lorenzo ISD: LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy

ESSA Section 1116

2023-2024

1. Lorenzo ISD will reach out to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members in programs consistent with the requirements of ESSA Section 1116. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children. Section 1116 (a)(1)

- **Meet the Teacher**
- **Meet the Hornets**
- **Annual Title I, Part A meetings**
- **GOALS day meeting in October**
- **Spring Open House**
- **Christmas Program**
- **End of Year Awards**
- **Thanksgiving Luncheon**
- **Bookfair Family Night**

2. Lorenzo ISD receives Title I, Part A funds. Our goal is to plan and implement effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Therefore, Lorenzo ISD will develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy. Section 1116 (a)(2)

- **The policy shall be incorporated into the local educational agency's plan developed under section 1112 (District Improvement Plan-DIP)**
- **The policy will establish the LEA's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement.**
- **The Superintendent's advisory council will meet regularly and will review the PFE policy, but also consider recommendations and make adjustments to continue to meet the needs of the families served by Lorenzo ISD**
- **The PFE will be shared in a variety of ways including but not limited to:**
 - **On the district website**
 - **At Title 1 meetings**
 - **On powerpoint presentations during family events**
 - **In the Student Handbook**
 - **In the Files link on the district Facebook page**
 - **Upon request at any time**

Lorenzo ISD provides translation for all meetings and documentations as needed to support our students and families in Spanish.

All other languages are gladly translated upon request

3. Lorenzo ISD will: involve parents and family members in jointly developing the local educational agency plan (DIP) under section 1112, and the development of support and improvement plans under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1111(d). Section 1116 (a)(2)(A)

- **Lorenzo ISD has developed the Superintendent’s advisory committee specifically to include stakeholders from all important aspects of the Lorenzo community to advise, review, and craft the guiding plans and documents necessary to supporting all students and families.**

4. Lorenzo ISD will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the local educational agency, in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education. Section 1116 (a)(2)(B)

- **Lorenzo ISD proudly partners with business and local community members in activities that boost academic achievement and parental engagement.**

Examples include:

- **Family Reading Night**
- **Family Math Night**
- **Family Movie Night**
 - **People’s Bank**
 - **Lorenzo Public Library**
 - **Crosby County Extension Agency/4H**
 - **Lorenzo United Methodist Church**
 - **First Baptist Church**
 - **San Lorenzo Catholic Church**
 - **City of Lorenzo**

5. Lorenzo ISD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies under Title I, Part A, to the extent feasible and appropriate, with other relevant Federal, State, and local laws and programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children; Section 1116 (a)(2)(C) and Section 1116 (e)(4)

- **Lorenzo hosts a variety of events and activities designed specifically to welcome families into the school to enjoy observing and interacting with their children and the staff members who work with them.**
 - **Meet the teacher night**
 - **Meet the Hornets**
 - **GOALS day conferences**
 - **Scholastic Book Fair Family Night**
 - **Thanksgiving Luncheon**
 - **Christmas/Holiday Musical Program**
 - **Christmas and Valentine Class Parties**
 - **Trunk or Treat**
 - **Egg Hunts**
 - **Pep Rallies**
 - **Graduation Parade**
 - **Field Day**
 - **Class field trips**
 - **Academic and Athletic Award ceremonies**

- **3:00 Birthday celebrations during WIN time**

6. Lorenzo ISD will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools served under this part, including identifying— Section 1116 (a)(2)(D)

- barriers to greater participation by parents in activities authorized by this section (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 needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers; and
- strategies to support successful school and family interactions;

At the May meeting of the Superintendent’s Advisory Committee meeting, members will review the evaluations and recommendations made for updates and adjustments to the PFE policy.

7. Lorenzo ISD will use the findings of such evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the parent and family engagement policies; and Section 1116 (a)(2)(E)

- **The Superintendent’s advisory committee will implement the recommended strategies, activities, and programs into subsequent PFE policy updates.**

8. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Lorenzo ISD shall: Section 1116 (e)

(i) Provide assistance to parents of children served by the local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of the parent and family engagement program, and how to monitor a child’s progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children; Section 1116 (e)(1)

Lorenzo ISD assists and supports parents in understanding the TEKS and various curriculum resources in an array of formal and informal settings including, but not limited to:

- **Goals day meetings**
- **ARD/504 plan meetings**
- **Parent -Teacher Conferences**
- **Tutorial and small group interventions**

(ii) providing materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children’s achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement; Section 1116 (e)(2)

- **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **Family Reading Night**
- **Family Math Night**

(iii) educating teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school; Section 1116 (e)(3)

- **Lorenzo ISD teachers participate in weekly PLC meetings to continually build capacity for instructional strategies and interventions that allow them to meet the needs of students and communicate them to parents in a way that invites parents to assist their children in meeting their academic goals more fully.**

(iv) ensuring that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand; Section 1116 (e)(5)

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