

**LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**LORENZO DE ZAVALA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT CAMPUS POLICY**

**2017 – 2018**

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**La Joya Independent School District  
Lorenzo De Zavala  
Parental Involvement Program**

**Mission**

Educational Excellence: The Right of Every Student.

**Statement of Purpose**

In accordance with Title I, Part A, Section 1118 guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Parental Involvement Policy, Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School has developed a written parental involvement policy in collaboration with and agreed upon by parents. The policy will be distributed to parents annually in a format and to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand. This policy will be revised periodically in order to continue to meet the needs of parents, students and teachers served by our school under Title I.

Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School agrees to implement the following requirements of Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), relating to a school's parental involvement policy:

**I. General Expectations of School Parental Involvement Policy**

Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements: In accordance with section 1118, Lorenzo De Zavala will work to ensure that the required school level parental involvement policies meet the requirement of section 1118 of the ESEA, and include a school-parent compact consistent with section 118(d) of the ESEA.

Lorenzo De Zavala will invite parents to an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I Part A programs. The school will host meetings at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as the morning or evening so that as many parents as possible are able to attend.

**Accessibility:** Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children including providing information in a language parents can understand.

**Parental involvement:** is the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including

- A. that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- B. that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;

- C. 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 school will provide parents with information on parent meetings. The meetings will include the following and additional topics:

1. description and explanation of the school's curriculum
2. forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress
3. proficiency levels students are expected to meet
4. parents will be afforded the opportunity to voice their opinions, offer suggestions and to participate in the decision-making process as it relates to their child's education.

## **II. Shared Responsibilities for High Student Academic Achievement**

Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School has developed a Parent-Teacher-Student compact outlining the responsibilities of the district's goal for student academic achievement. The compact consists of information obtained from members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), teachers and students. In compliance, the compact will be distributed annually to parents at the beginning of each school year. The compact will be provided to parents in a language that all parents can understand to ensure that all parents have an understanding of its contents. The Parent-Teacher-Student compact will be reviewed annually with parents, teachers and students and may be revised as deemed necessary.

## **III. Building Capacity for Parental Involvement**

Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School will take the following tasks to involve parents in active involvement of parents in their child's education:

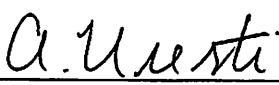
1. Assist parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, student academic achievement standards and academic success by explaining to parents what the STAAR are and their relationship with the STAAR tests.
2. Make available to parents computer trainings so they may access the school's website to contact teacher via e-mail, access the District's and/or school's calendars, download TEA information, print STAAR sample tests and guidelines, retrieve ACT information and access an unlimited number of resources on education, health and family issues.
3. Offer parent trainings and/or workshops at varying times during the day and in a language parents can understand utilizing district approved curriculums. The objective of these trainings and/or workshops will be to provide parenting strategies parents may utilize at home to help foster their child's education.
  - the state's academic content standards,
  - the state's student academic achievement standards

- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - the requirements of Part A
  - how to monitor their child's progress and
  - how to work with educators
4. Trainings will be offered to school personnel at the beginning of each semester including, but not limited to teachers, administrators, instructional assistants, social worker and office personnel on how they can build strong relationships with parents, how to effectively communicate with parents and the value of having parents involved in schools.
5. Collaborate with other organizations, to the extent feasible and applicable, that incorporate parental involvement programs or components as part of their daily activities.
- Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department
  - Communities In School (CIS)
  - La Joya ISD Police Department
  - Full list of agencies are enclosed
6. Parents will be provided with proper notices regarding parental involvement activities, events, meetings, presentations, programs, trainings, and workshops. These notices will be provided to parents in a timely manner and in a format and language that they can understand. Lorenzo De Zavala will utilize the following methods to keep parents informed:
- a) Personal telephone contact
  - b) Flyers, brochures, pamphlets
  - c) Home visits
  - d) Calendars
  - e) Meetings
  - f) Parent Link
  - g) La Joya ISD website
7. Promote parent support by providing activities and/or events as requested by parents and ensuring response to these requests in a timely manner.

#### V. Adoption of Policy

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with and agreed on with parents of children participating in Title I Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017, in accordance with Title I Part A Section 1118 guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Parental Involvement Policy.

  
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Dr. A. Uresti, Principal