

**LA JOYA
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**



**LA JOYA HIGH SCHOOL
FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

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Mission

La Joya High School is dedicated to providing a quality education for every student in our campus. To accomplish this objective the campus will develop and maintain partnerships with parents/caregivers, and community members; moreover, the campus will involve parents/caregivers in all aspects of the various local, state, and federal program offered at La Joya High School. Our campus believes that establishing and maintaining open lines of communication will expand and enhance learning opportunities and create the best learning environment for every student. We will create a nurturing environment that encourages every student to reach their highest potential. We pledge to improve the quality of work to address community, state, and national standards so that all learners can be successful in and beyond school. We commit to use all resources to achieve this purpose.

Statement of Purpose

In accordance with ESSA, Section 1116 (d) guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Parental Involvement Policy, La Joya High School has developed a written parental involvement policy in collaboration with and agreed upon by parents of participating students. This policy will be distributed to parents annually at the beginning of each school year in a format and to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand. The policy will be revised on an annual basis with the support and participation from parents in order to continue to meet the needs of every parent, student and teacher served by our school under ESSA, Section 1116 (d).

La Joya High School agrees to implement the following requirements as set out in subsections (c) through (f), relating to the school's parental involvement policy.

I. Policy Involvement

In accordance with subsection (c) La Joya High School will invite parents to an annual meeting at the beginning of the school year, where parents will be informed of the school's participation in the Title I, Part A program, its requirements, and the parents' right to be involved. The school will also host regular meetings throughout the school year at flexible times, in the morning and in the evening, to ensure parent participation.

The school year will provide parents with information at parent meetings or sent home with students in a tangible form and in a language parents can understand on the following topics:

1. School's curriculum
2. Forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress
3. Proficiency levels students are expected to meet

Parents will be afforded the opportunity to voice their opinion, offer suggestions and to participate in the decision-making process as it relates to their child's education.

II. Shared Responsibilities for Higher Student Academic Achievement

As set out in subsection (d) La Joya High School has developed a Student-Parent-Teacher Compact outlining the responsibilities of each member in the District's goal for student academic achievement. The compact consists of valuable information obtained from members of the school's Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), teachers and students. In compliance with subsection (d), the compact will be distributed annually to parents at the beginning of the school year and will be made available to parents in a language that all parents can understand to ensure that all parents have a thorough 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 Involvement

In accordance with subsection (e), La Joya High School will undertake the following tasks to ensure the active involvement of parents in their child's education:

1. Shall assist parents in understanding the State's academic content standards, student academic achievement standards and academic success by explaining to parents the TEKS, STAAR and End of Course exams.
2. Shall make available to parent's computer trainings so they may access the school's website to contact teachers via e-mail, access the District's and/or school 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. Shall 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. Topics may include:
 - Title I Programs and Budget Information
 - Parental Involvement Policy
 - Explanation of Documents (School Report Card/Campus Improvement)
 - Offering parents the opportunity to serve on policy advisory committees such as District Advisory Committee, Parent Advisory Committee, Site Based Decision Making Committee, etc.
 - Special Programs (Special Education, ESL, Migrant Services, etc.)
 - Explanation of Student Code of Conduct
 - Information on Compulsory Attendance Law and Truancy Procedure
 - College Counseling, advising, and financial aid meetings
 - Meet the Teacher, Open House, College Family Night, Cultural Events
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
4. Parents will be provided with tangible material, in a format and language they can understand, that they may share with their families at home.
5. Trainings will be offered to school personnel including, but not limited to teachers, administrators, instructional assistants, 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 school.

6. Collaborate with other organizations, to the extent feasible and applicable, that incorporate parental involvement programs or components as part of their daily activities such as but not limited to:
 - Rio Grande Valley Council
 - Texas Tropical
 - Advancing Together
 - Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid
 - Texas A&M Expanded Food and Nutrition Program
7. Parents will be provided with proper notices regarding Family and Community Engagement 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. La Joya High School will utilize the following methods to keep parents informed:
 - a. Telephone contact by teachers, administrators, and staff
 - b. School Messenger (Skylert)
 - c. Flyers, brochures, pamphlets, calendars
 - d. School's website <https://ljhs.lajoyaisd.com/>
 - e. Intercom announcements to students during school hours
8. Promote parent support by providing activities and/or events as requested by parents and ensuring response to these requests in a timely manner.

IV. Accessibility

La Joya High School will provide equal access and opportunities to all parents in a format and language that is readily accessible and understandable.

V. Adoption of Policy

This policy has been adopted and reviewed by La Joya High School on this 1st day of March 2021. This policy is in accordance with Title I, Part A and (ESSA, Section 116 (d)) guidelines and the La Joya Independent School District's Family and Community Engagement Policy.