



Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Educational Services Department
Lincoln Middle School

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Lincoln Middle School has developed a written parent and family engagement policy with input from parents.

Yes. It is in process and will be voted on by the LMS SSC.

It has distributed the policy to all parents and guardians.

LMS will distribute the Parent and Family Engagement Policy to all parents and guardians upon completion and approval.

This policy describes the means for carrying out parent and family engagement requirements pursuant to ESSA Section 1116(c).

Each school served under this part shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of subsections (c) through (f). How are parents notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand? How is the policy is made available to the local community? How and when is the policy updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school (ESSA Section 1116[b][1])?

To involve parents the following practices have been established:

The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents about the right of parents to be involved in the school program. Add details about the annual meetings in the box below:

This meeting will occur at a School Site Council Meeting early in each school year. The rights of parents will also be posted publicly on the school website.

The school offers a flexible number of meetings for parents, such as meetings in the morning or evening. Add details about the meetings in the box below:

PTSA meetings alternate between evening and morning. SSC meetings are held in the afternoon. All meetings are accessible through Zoom.

The school involves parents of students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's programs and the parental involvement policy. How does the school involve parents?

The SSC-elected parent and student representatives are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's programs.

The school provides parents of students with timely information about the schools programs. How does the school provide the information?

Lincoln Middle School provides parents with a Parent Handbook, Weekly Newsletters, regular communication from teachers, as well as the information on our Website. We also distribute information at monthly Principal meetings, PTSA meetings, and school events such as Back to School Night and Open House.

The school provides parents with an explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. How does the school provide the information?

LMS offers families a Parent Handbook, parent conferences, teacher newsletters, events such as Back-To-School-Night, as well as teacher meetings/communication as necessary. The SPSA and report cards are instrumental in explaining curriculum, assessment, and expectations for LMS students.

If requested by parents, the school provides opportunities for parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. How does the school provide the opportunities?

Parent conferences, surveys, committees, Student Success Teams, and IEPs all function to give parents a voice in the education provided to their child.

The school engages parents in meaningful interactions with the school. The Compact supports a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

The school provides parents with assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.

Lincoln report cards are standards-based. The Dreambox Dashboard is also key for helping parents monitor and improve their child's achievement.

The school provides parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

Teachers send home completed work for parents to review with their child. The school offers parents the opportunity to connect with teachers in order to address questions.

The school educates staff members in the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.

This parent involvement plan and the weekly parent newsletter gives teacher and support staff ideas on the importance of parent engagement.

The school coordinates and integrates parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as parent resource centers, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

Returned work, open library, online programs such as Dreambox and Lexia, newsletters, ELAC, PTSA, SSGC, and supplementary events serve to support parents in more fully participating in the education of their child.

The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format and language that the parents understand.

Yes

The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by parents.

Yes

The school provides opportunities for the participation of all parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents understand).

This policy was adopted by Lincoln Middle School on 04/19/2023 12:00 am and will be in effect for the period of 04/23/2025 12:00 am.

The school will distribute the policy to all parents of students on, or before: Sept. 8, 2023.

Name of Authorized Official: Ryan Bourke

Signature of Authorized Official here:

Date Approved: April 19, 2023





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SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT

This School Parent Compact is in effect year 2023/24

Lincoln Middle School distributes to parents and family members a school-parent compact (Compact). This Compact, which has been jointly developed with parents, outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. This Compact describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. This Compact addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents and family members of students:

REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT COMPACT PROVISIONS

Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating children to meet California's student academic achievement standards.

Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress.

Provide parents reasonable access to staff.

Provide reasonable access to staff, opportunities for parents and family members to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.

How does the school address this?

LMS teachers and principal ensure that report cards, conferences, progress reports, contact information, and volunteer opportunities are timely and of high-quality.

The school engages parents and family members to improve the achievement of their children in meaningful interactions with the school. This Compact supports a partnership among staff, parents and family members, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established the following practices:

The school provides parents and family members with assistance in understanding the state's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children in which ways?

LMS teachers and administration ensure that report cards, conferences, progress reports, contact information, and online dashboards are shared with parents in a timely and frequent manner. The Teacher Newsletters, Parent Handbook and Family Newsletter are excellent resources for parents.

The school provides parents and family members with materials and training to help them improve the achievement of their children in which ways?

LMS teachers and principal provide materials and trainings to parents to help their students. For example: Returned work, Independent Study Contracts, and other resources found in the Parent Handbook and Newsletter. The DreamBox parent dashboard is another tool for parents to check in their child's progress with Mathematics.

With the assistance of parents and family members, the school educates staff members in the value of parent and family member contributions, and how to work with parents and family members as equal partners in which ways?

The principal offers Volunteer Training opportunities several times throughout each school year. The principal ensures that teachers suggest goals to parents via Report Cards. Teacher newsletters also offer parents a rich variety of ways to help from home and in the classroom.

The school coordinates and integrates parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities, such as resource centers, to encourage and support parents and family members in more fully participating in the education of their children in which ways?

Through both the PTSA and other school sponsored events, we offer many opportunities for parents to be involved in the education of their child. Although we promote the independence of our middle school students, we also recognize that is important for parents/families to be connected. We offer Get Your Stuff Day, Back to School Picnic, Student-led Conferences, volunteer opportunities, as well as many other ways for parents to be on campus and connected.

The school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents and family members in a format and language that the parents and family members can understand in which ways?

The LMS Family Newsletter is sent out weekly in both English and Spanish. Additionally, administration -- and teachers, as necessary -- communicate to families via email and robocalls.

The school provides support for parent and family member involvement activities requested by parents and family members in which ways?

Parent requested activities are reviewed by either the PTSA or the ELAC/SSGC. Ideas that support the goals of the school are given consideration by the administration, the SSGC, the SLT, and the PTSA.

The school provides opportunities for the participation of all parents and family members, including those with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory students; and that the information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents and family members can understand in which ways?

The principal ensures that the ELAC, SSGC and Newsletters support parents of all backgrounds. Agendas, minutes, handbook, and Newsletters all are designed to engage and support all students and their parents.

This Compact was adopted by the Lincoln Middle School on 04/19/2023 12:00 am, and will be in effect for the period of 2 Years.

The school will distribute the Compact to all parents and family members of students participating on, or before:09/08/2023 12:00 am.

Name of Authorized Official: Ryan Bourke

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Date Approved: April 19, 2023