

Title I School Parent & Family Engagement Policy
Lebanon High School

The staff at Lebanon High School recognizes that parent engagement increases the opportunities of student success. Therefore, our staff welcomes and encourages the participation of parents in their child's education to enhance this success. It is our policy to foster and maintain ongoing communications with parents concerning opportunities to become involved, the eligibility for special programs, and their child's educational progress. It is also our policy to provide information to parents that is understandable including materials translated into their primary language upon request.

In order to build an effective partnership with parents, the staff at Lebanon High School, along with Title I parents, have developed the following parent engagement policy:

Communication:

Ongoing communication that provides information about Lebanon High School's curriculum, state and local assessments, the measurements of individual progress, the Intervention program and how students are selected for Intervention services will be provided to parents through:

- New Student Orientation/Open House program
- Lebanon High School electronic newsletters
- Home, phone, face-to-face, or letter conferencing (please make sure all contact information is updated and accurate)
- Meetings held at various times to include topics such as iPad information, Financial Aid for Post-secondary Education, Course Selection process, College Fair, Transition Portfolio development, etc.
- Booster Organizations/PTO meetings
- Parent-Teacher conferences held in October and January or upon request
- Personal contact by phone, email or letter
- Report cards distributed to all students
- School handbook
- Communication by classroom teacher on regular basis
- Lebanon School District Website updates
- Social Media updates

In October and January, conferences will be held with parents to discuss the progress of their child, individual student assessment data, proficiency levels, as well as, the expectations of individual's grade level, and other concerns of parents and teachers. The School-Parent Compact was designed by Lebanon High School staff and parents to outline how responsibility for learning will be shared. The compact will be reviewed annually and updated as needed. Additional scheduled conferences will be held with parents of students who continue to struggle.

Opportunities for Involvement/ Volunteering

Parents will be encouraged to participate in school events and volunteer in activities such as:

- Classroom visitations and observations;
- New Student Orientation/Open House;
- Counseling Department (Act 339) Advisory Group;
- Participation in schoolwide Comprehensive Plan Committee;
- Participation in Academic, Athletic, or Music Booster Organizations;
- PTO meetings and activities;
- School assemblies;

- Student programs and projects such as music concerts, Mini-Thon, and Project Aware (Dates to be announced);
- Involvement in Club Meetings
- Community Service Projects
- Field Trips
- STEM/Real Life/Futures Dinner/Classroom guest presenters

Surveys of parent activities will be conducted twice annually to collect opinions, concerns and suggestions will be used to improve activities and develop topics for meetings that meet the needs of parents. The results will also be used planning the Intervention Program for next year.

Parents Training and Support

The following opportunities and materials will be offered to help provide parents with techniques and strategies they may use to improve their child's academic success and assist their child in learning at home:

- Include suggestions in newsletters for ways to work with your child utilizing websites, articles of interest, or other school district offerings.
- Invitation to Parent Meetings during break time in Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- District Family Night Out programs

Community Outreach/Collaboration

The staff and families at Lebanon High School will seek ideas and suggestions with community-based organizations and will coordinate parent involvement opportunities with such programs.

- Promote family activities sponsored by Lebanon Valley Family YMCA.
- Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 Migrant Family services.
- 21st Century Community Learning Center activities.
- Mock Interviews, College Fair, Futures Dinner, Internships, and Job Shadowing
- Additional programs as they become available throughout the year.

School Decision Making/Advocacy

Parents will be involved in planning, review and improvement of school programs by participating in the following committees:

- Schoolwide Title I Planning Committee
- Comprehensive Plan Committee

Signature of Principal

Date

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