

**La Sierra High School  
Title I Targeted Assistance School  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy  
(2021-2023)**

La Sierra High School jointly developed its written Title I parent and family engagement policy with input from Title I parents and family members. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of the school and parents.

LSSH will review and update the policy at Title I meetings held after their monthly School Site meetings. In addition to this, the policy will be reviewed and discussed in upcoming School Site, ELAC, and ATP meetings. Parents will provide feedback regarding the policy, and it will be updated on a continuous basis.

The policy will be distributed to parents and family members of participating Title I students at the beginning of the school year when students register for school in their registration packets, as well as to new enrollees and returning students as part of the new student enrollment packet.

The policy describes the means for carrying out the following Title I parent and family engagement requirement. [20 USC 6318 Section 1118(a)-(f) inclusive]

**Engagement of Parents and Family Members in the Title I Program**

To involve parents and family members in the Title I program at La Sierra High School, the following practices have been established:

- The school convenes an annual meeting, at a convenient time to which all parents of participating children are invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents and family members about their school's participation under this part and to explain the Title I requirements, and about the right of parents to be involved.
  - If parents request additional meetings, their requests will be met.
- The school offers a flexible number of meetings for Title I parents and family members, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent involvement.
  - The school will make the policy available to parents at the afternoon School Site meetings, the morning ELAC meetings, the afternoon ATP meetings, and at other family engagement site meetings.
- The school involves parents and family members of participating Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I parental involvement policy.
  - The school will continuously encourage parents to provide feedback regarding the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and parent involvement policy at the Title 1 meeting to be held in the Spring, and at the upcoming ELAC, School Site, ATP, and family engagement site group meetings.
- The school provides parents and family members of participating Title I students with timely information about Title I programs.
  - A Title I informational letter will be sent to parents in the spring the first year of implementation and in future years.
  - Title I program information will be discussed annually during School Site meetings, ELAC meetings, ATP meetings, and other family engagement site meetings.

- The school will hold an annual Title 1 meeting in the Fall.
- The school provides parents and family members of participating Title I students 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.
  - The school provides parents and family members of participating Title 1 students with an explanation of curriculum, assessments, and proficiency levels students are expected to meet at ELAC, School Site, ATP, and Novi Parent Group meetings, and during parent teacher conferences and the Title I annual meeting.
  - The school also reviews course expectations and curriculum at their annual Back to School Night.
- If requested by parents and family members of participating Title I students, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings that allow the parents and family members to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.
  - The school will continuously encourage parents to participate in decisions related to the education of their children at the annual Title 1 meeting, as well as at ELAC, School Site, ATP, and family engagement site group meetings.
  - During orientation, parents are encouraged to keep in contact with the school regarding their child's educational needs. Parents are provided with the school's contact information as well as the direct contact information to the school's counselor. Parents are invited to attend Parent Teacher Conferences, SSTs, IEPs, and Student Review to discuss their child's educational program and progress towards graduation.

### **School-Parent Compact**

La Sierra High School distributes to parents and family members of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact, which has been jointly developed with parents and family members, outlines how parents and family members, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes specific ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following legally required items, as well as other items suggested by parents and family members of Title I students.

- The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
  - The ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning
  - The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual parent-teacher conferences (elementary); frequent reports on student progress; access to staff; opportunities for parents and family members to volunteer and participate in their child's class; and opportunities to observe classroom activities.
- The school developed the School- Parent Compact in collaboration with parents from the ELAC meetings, School Site Council meetings. The School-Parent Compact is reviewed bi-annually in the Spring by all groups, and parents are provided an opportunity to make suggestions.

### **Building Capacity for Involvement**

La Sierra High School engages Title I parents and family members in meaningful interactions with the school. It 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 Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State’s academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.
  - The school provides parents and family members of participating Title 1 students with an explanation of standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children at ELAC, School Site, ATP, and family engagement site meetings. In addition, parents are able to monitor the achievement of their children by attending parent teacher conferences, taking note of their student’s progress on report cards and by visiting Aeries parent portal.
  
- Provides Title I parents with materials and training to help them work with their children to improve their children's achievement.
  - Achievement data, as well as assessment data is shared with parents at all parent meetings. Parents are provided with strategies to implement in the home which foster academic achievement.
  - Parenting classes offered through the Wylie Center and the site Family Engagement Center.
  
- With the assistance of Title I parents, the school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners.
  - The school educates staff members about the value of parent contributions, and in how to work with parents as equal partners at monthly family engagement sessions on site, semester grade level meetings by administration, and Back on Track meetings for families of students that are in need of more support.
  
- The school coordinates and integrates the Title I 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.
  - LSHS integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, such as the Action Team for Partnership, School Site Council, ELAC, and SITE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT sessions, to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
  
- The school distributes Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that the parents understand.
  - LSHS translates all documents into the Spanish language, as well as offers interpreters at all public meetings to meet the needs of Spanish speaking parents. In addition to this, LSHS communicates with parents via email, Teleparent, flyers home, Parent Connect, and via the school marquee and school website, as well as weekly messages from the principal.
  
- The school provides support for parental involvement activities requested by Title I parents.
  - The school provides support for parental involvement activities by requesting input and feedback at all ELAC, ATP, and School Site meetings.

**Accessibility**

LSHS provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents and family members, including those with limited English proficiency, those with disabilities, and parents and family members of migratory students. Information and school reports are provided in a format and language that parents and family members understand.

**Adoption**

This policy was adopted by La Sierra High School's School Site Council October 25, 2021 and will be in effect through the 2022-2023 school year.