

## **PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**



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Leestown Middle School encourages parents to become actively involved in their children's future. Through a two-way communication partnership, parents and the school staff are assured a more effective educational program for students.

Parents and school staff attending an SBDM meeting agreed on and developed the following Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Leestown Middle School. This policy will be posted in various offices as well as on the school website. The Parent Involvement Policy will be available in English and Spanish. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be included in the first issue of the school's newsletter. This policy will be reviewed and revised, if necessary at the Title 1 spring advisory meeting.

### **EXPECTATIONS REGARDING PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Leestown Middle School's Title 1 program is as follows:

1. An annual meeting will be held during the first quarter of the school year. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Leestown Open House. Parents/guardians and families will learn about the Title 1 program and will be given the opportunity to become involved with their students' education.
2. Additional meetings will be held throughout the school year. Meetings will focus on how parents, guardians, and teachers can work together to monitor student progress and improve student achievement. Information concerning Kentucky academic standards and achievement standards will be made available during these meetings.
3. Materials will be made available to assist parents/guardians and families in working with their child.
4. Meeting schedules will be varied in order to accommodate the needs of the parents/guardians and families.

5. Leestown Middle School will offer one parent conference night per semester and teachers will attempt to have two conferences with each student's parents/guardians and families per year. These conferences will cover such topics as student progress, grade level expectations, school curriculum, test results, and any other concerns the teacher and/or parents/guardians and families may have.
6. Title 1 newsletters and school newsletters will be provided to the parents/guardians and families to keep them informed of activities, programs, and other school related information. This information will also be made available on the school website.
7. A Parent-School-Student Learning Compact must be signed by students, their parents/guardians and families, one of their teachers, and the principal. This compact will show that parents/guardians/families, teachers, students, and principals share the responsibility for academic achievement.
8. A minimum of two Title 1 Advisory Meetings will be held during the school year. Parents/Guardians and families will have the opportunity to review, revise, and improve the Title 1 program at Leestown Middle School. This will include revision of the Parent Involvement Policy and the Learning Compact. Meetings will be scheduled for the fall and spring.
9. A survey of Leestown parents/guardians and families will be conducted during the spring quarter of the school year. This survey will be designed to allow parents to express opinions about the current Title 1 Program, as well as to list ideas and suggestions for improvements to the program.
10. Every effort will be made to communicate with all parents in a format and language they can understand. Parents with limited English and/or disabilities will be given the full opportunity to participate in all Leestown meetings. Title 1 funds may be utilized to pay for reasonable and necessary expenses that will enable parents to become more involved at Leestown Middle School.
11. Parents/families and families are encouraged to volunteer, chaperone trips and events, join the PTSA, and attend regular meetings.

Leestown Middle School has a "TEAM" approach to serving students. Our goal is to have each student attain academic success. Together, students, parents/guardians, the community, and the Leestown staff will achieve the best possible future for our students.

## **POLICY EVALUATION**

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through School Improvement Planning Process.

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Council Chairperson's Initials **(CL)**

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