

**Live Oak Ridge Middle School
2021-2022**

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

At Live Oak Ridge Middle School, we are committed to establishing the school's expectations for staff, parents, and family to work together to create a positive learning environment that encourages our LOBOS to be successful every day; but we need your help. We must review our current Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Home-School Compact every spring. Parents and family members are a crucial, required part of this process. We meet to discuss and make any changes to these documents for the next school year. Publicity about this meeting will be available in January. Both documents are posted on our campus website so that parents, family members, and the community have access to them. The parent policy is also made available to you during our Annual Title I meeting. You will be contacted during the first semester to arrange a conference to discuss the Home-School Compact and give you more information about your child's achievement. Parents have the right to participate in decisions relating to their child's education and we value your participation.

Our Mission is: Teach so that students learn to their maximum potential.

Our Vision is: Through the implementation of a full, innovative, rigorous, comprehensive education program, [Live Oak] will provide superior learning opportunities so that upon graduation, students are prepared for success in the workforce and/or in higher education.

Communication

We believe communication between home and school is on-going and meaningful. We stay in touch with parents and family members in several ways:

- Written agreement between the school and our families-shared responsibility in student academic success
- Student planners
- Campus marquee
- Campus website
- Mass communication
- Certified letters
- Emails
- Social media
- Phone calls
- Quarterly Parent Conferences

Parents and family members may contact us through:

- Phone calls
- Notes
- Letters
- Emails
- Student planners

We strongly encourage parents to contact their student's teacher when there is a concern so that we can work together for the good of the student. Written materials will be sent home in both English and Spanish.

Annual Title I Meeting

Our annual Title I meeting is held in September of every school year. This is a partnership with parents to help students achieve academic success. This meeting is offered at flexible times and dates for your scheduling convenience. All parents and family members are invited to attend. We want everyone to know about Title I and how we use these funds to ensure that students are successful. We will discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the Home-School Compact, "Parents Right to Know" and how you can be involved in your child's education. You will learn about the curriculum we use, academic assessments, and what our latest STAAR scores are to solicit at home support.

Title I Program Evaluation

Our Title I program is evaluated several times a year by our Site Based Decision Making Committee and all parents and students are invited to attend. SBDM provides input on our Campus Improvement Plan and assists in making decisions about how Title I funds are used. If you would like to serve on our SBDM Committee, please contact the campus principal.

Parent and Family Member Learning

We will help you understand the challenging Texas academic standards, give you information about STAAR and KISD assessments, explain how to monitor your child's progress, and how to work with teachers as a team to help your student. Other classes will offer ways to help your child at home, including how to stay current with new technology. We understand that our parents work, attend school, or have other responsibilities that limit their schedules. To encourage parent involvement, we strive to schedule key meetings and classes at flexible times and dates to include an evening session followed by a morning session the following day. If parents would like to have regular meetings to make suggestions about their child's education, please contact Principal Wanda Stidom at (254)336-2492.

Volunteer Orientation

At the start of every new school year, and throughout the year, our volunteer coordinator conducts a volunteer orientation to outline KISD policies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 254-336-2490. Parents are welcome on campus to provide academic and social-emotional support to LORMS students.

Staff Awareness

Our campus staff receives training each school year about the value of parent and family member contributions at school. We stress how to reach out to, build ties with, and work with parents as equal partners to make sure that all students are successful in their learning. Our staff is kept up to date on our various parent programs, their role in the implementation and coordination of the programs and how they can encourage parent participation. We have planned activities for parents, students, and staff to participate in together.