

**J. L. Lomax Elementary School  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy**

2017 - 2018

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**What is Title I?**

**J. L. Lomax Elementary** is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental engagement policy.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how J.L. Lomax Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. J.L. Lomax values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that J.L. Lomax will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it revised?**

Parents shall be involved in the joint development of the parental engagement plan and in the process of the school review and improvement through the use of parent surveys, parent engagement team meetings, and the leadership team. Using the data collected from our parent surveys, we will analyze feedback from our parents to inform our parent engagement sessions. These sessions will include STEAM nights, make and take nights, lunch and learn sessions, PTO family nights, open house, and various other exciting activities for parents and students.

**Who is it for?**

All students participating in Title I, Part A Program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. J.L. Lomax Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, J.L. Lomax Elementary will provide the plan at open house. It will also be posted on the school's webpage. Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



### 2017-2018 District Goals

- Increase literacy achievement for all students K-12
- Increase numeracy achievement for all students K-12
- Improve school culture and climate in all district schools
- Establish professional learning communities

### 2017-2018 School Goals

- By May 2018, J.L. Lomax will increase the number of students meeting/exceeding their grade level Rigby benchmark (grades K-2<sup>nd</sup>) and/or grade level Lexile band (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) by 30%.
- By May 2018, J.L. Lomax will increase STAR Math by 10% and GMAS levels three and four by 30%.

### School-Parent Compacts

J. L. Lomax's students participating in the Title I, Part A Program, and their families, agree that the compact outlines how the parents, entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards. This is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact links goals of the school improvement plan, focuses on student learning, and describes each party's commitment in helping students reach expectations. The compact is developed jointly and updated annually.

### Parent Engagement Program and Activities

At J.L. Lomax Elementary School, we recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers, and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to our scholars. In order to guarantee high levels of student achievement, partnerships among school and parents are essential. By planning parent engagement functions, it is our intent to encourage and support the efforts of home, school, and community in improving student achievement for all children. We also strive to reach each students' potential for intellectual, emotional, and physical growth.

In an effort to facilitate this engagement, the faculty and staff at J.L. Lomax Elementary have committed to implementation of the following ongoing parent engagement activities:

- a. Open House
- b. Make and Take Nights
- c. Lunch and Learn Sessions
- d. STEAM Nights
- e. Title I Meet the Teacher Night
- f. PTO Christmas Concert
- g. Black History Program
- h. Parent newsletters
- i. Accelerated Reader activities
- j. Parent Conference Days (flexible hours)
- k. Parents joining students for lunch
- l. Field Day Activities
- m. Parent Engagement Team Meetings
- n. Parent coordinator facilitated workshops for parents
- o. Parent handbook
- p. Student handbook

A meaningful two-way communication between the school and community will be cultivated through the use of the home-school notebooks, student handbook, alert now, school's webpage, Facebook, flyers, newsletters, Remind 101, and the school's marquee.

All of the Title I required documents can be found in the Media Center, Parent Resource Room (front lobby), or visit the school website at [jllomax@gocats.org](mailto:jllomax@gocats.org). Parents can provide written input to these documents by completing the stakeholder feedback form located in the above areas and on the school website. Everyone has the right to the opportunity to provide feedback. The parent coordinator will submit any parent comments to the principal as well as to the district's parent engagement coordinator.



## Parent Engagement

J.L. Lomax Elementary believes that parental engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring the following:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

## Support

**J. L. Lomax** offers a flexible number of parent engagement events in the morning, afternoon, and evenings to meet the varied needs of our parents.

Parent communication pieces are available in multiple modes and are distributed in an understandable and uniform format. Other support can be provided upon request.

## J.L. Lomax Elementary is Branching Out!

### Events that will help parents understand the academic content and assessments:

- ✓ *Parent-teacher conferences*
- ✓ *RTI and IEP Meetings*
- ✓ *Newsletters with strategies*
- ✓ *Feedback from Formative Assessments*
- ✓ *Grade Level Goal sheets*
- ✓ *Progress and Report Cards*
- ✓ *Infinite Campus*

### Events that will provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement:

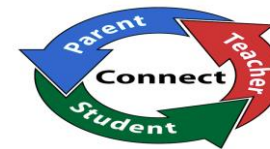
- ✓ *STEAM Nights*
- ✓ *Make and Take Nights*
- ✓ *Lunch and Learn Sessions*
- ✓ *Open House Night*
- ✓ *Parent Workshops*

### Events that will help teachers effectively communicate with parents:

- ✓ *Share parent tips/strategies during our faculty meetings*
- ✓ *Monthly Teacher Newsletter*

### Events that the school will coordinate and integrate parent engagement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs:

- ✓ *Deliver flyers about Kindergarten Roundup to various daycares*
- ✓ *Offer Professional Sessions on how to prepare children for school*



### Parent Engagement Standards

J.L. Lomax Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with the Community

### Stay Informed

- Like us on **Facebook**:
- J. L. Lomax Elementary School

**Website:**

<http://jllomax.gocats.org/>

School newsletters

Receive messages via **Parent Link**

-Update phone numbers so that you can receive Parent Link messages.



### Parent Comments

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school goals' for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and email comments to [lmccrae@gocats.org](mailto:lmccrae@gocats.org) or [cearle@gocats.org](mailto:cearle@gocats.org) .

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