



WEST THIBODAUX MIDDLE SCHOOL

2019 - 2020 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

"Parent and Family Engagement" means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities

GOAL: To enhance the instructional program and academic achievement of students at West Thibodaux Middle School by involving parents in all aspects of the school's activities.

OBJECTIVE: The administration, faculty, and staff will provide a variety of programs to promote parent and family engagement to improve the academic performance of students. Documentation of these programs will include sign-in sheets, copies of the monthly school calendar, and school visitations.

PART I: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

West Thibodaux Middle School will adhere to the following ESSA Parent and Family Engagement Federal Program Assurances outlined in Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act:

- The school will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs.
- The school will convene meetings at a time convenient for parents and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs, and pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- If the school-wide programs plan for Title I, Part A is not satisfactory to the parents of participating students, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the Lafourche Parish School District.

PART II: DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. West Thibodaux Middle School will involve parents in the joint development and review of its Parent and Family Engagement Plan by inviting parents to participate in the planning process.
2. West Thibodaux Middle School will involve parents in the process of reviewing their School-Wide Improvement Plan (SIP) by posting the plan in the Title I binder located in the front office, on the school website and in the parent resource center.

3. West Thibodaux Middle School will provide parents of participating students information about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet by reviewing all information at each quarterly meeting with parents.
4. West Thibodaux Middle School will provide opportunities for parent meetings, when requested, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education for their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible by having grade levels set up meetings weekly.
5. The school will provide assistance to parents of students served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding the following topics:
 - The state's academic content standards
 - The state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators

West Thibodaux Middle School will assist parents by sending home detailed progress reports, RTI progress reports through intervention, and helping parents access their child's academic data through Parent Portal.

6. West Thibodaux Middle School will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology by having quarterly parent activities, open house, parent conferences, RTI/SBLC meetings.
7. West Thibodaux Middle School, with the assistance of its parents, will educate its teachers, support personnel, and school leaders in the value of parents/families, and in how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners to build ties between the parents and the school by: School Counselor will serve as the Family Engagement Contact to keep staff informed of Family Engagement Practices, the school website/facebook page, parent conferences, and Family Engagement professional development.
8. West Thibodaux Middle School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other programs such as parent resource centers by: Transition meetings, guest speakers, and providing parents with computer access when needed.
9. West Thibodaux Middle School will ensure that information related to school and parent/family programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents/families in a format and, to the extent, practicable, in a language the parents can understand by: using social media, school website and printed materials in the appropriate language to inform parents.
10. West Thibodaux Middle School will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Title I, Part A as parents my request.

PART III: SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

As a component of the school-level parental involvement plan, each school will jointly develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

**A copy of the West Thibodaux Middle School Compact is attached to this plan.

PART IV. ADOPTION

This school Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly with, and in agreement with parents of students at West Thibodaux Middle School, a Title I school, as evidenced by the list of parent participants below.

This plan was adopted by the school on August 12, 2019 and will be in effect for the 2019-2020 school year. A complete Summary of this plan will be distributed to ALL parents at West Thibodaux Middle School a Title I school, on or before September 27, 2019. The entire detail plan will be on the school website at West Thibodaux Middle School's website and will be available in the school office no later than September 27, 2019.

_____ Principal	_____ Date
_____ School Level FE Contact	_____ Date
_____ School Improvement Plan Parent Representative	_____ Date