

Family Involvement Initiative



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)

Title I School-wide Parent Engagement Plan

Lake Erie Academy will take the following actions to involve parents, teachers and staff in its Parent Engagement Plan. This plan will establish the expectations for parent involvement with Lake Erie Academy, a Title I School-wide school.

- Annually, Lake Erie Academy will convene a meeting to which parents are invited. At this meeting, the school leader and staff inform the parents of the school's participation in Title I, explain the requirements of Title I and the rights of the parents to be involved in the school. Parents will be informed that they may request opportunities for meeting to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and that the school will respond to any suggestions as soon as possible.
- Lake Erie Academy will hold a number of meetings for parents at flexible times for their convenience. These include Open House, literacy/math parent trainings, parent-teacher conferences, student intervention meetings and school improvement planning sessions. Meetings are conducted where parents are involved in an organized, ongoing and timely manner in the planning, review and improvement of programs for parent involvement.
- Lake Erie Academy will inform parents, in a timely manner, of all information regarding Title I programs and procedures. The school will use Title I funds to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities.

- Parents are informed of meetings and training sessions through the monthly newsletter, the school calendar and notices posted on the Parent bulletin board, as well as the school website.
- Lake Erie Academy provides each family with a description and explanation of the curriculum currently in use at the academy, as well as forms of academic assessments used to measure progress and proficiency levels. This is done through monthly newsletters, Open House, parent trainings, parent-teacher conferences and the school's website.
- Lake Erie Academy provides time for parents to meet with teachers and to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children through Fall and Spring Parent-Teacher conferences and by appointment when needed.
- Lake Erie Academy has jointly developed with parents a school Parent-Student-Teacher compact. This written compact outlines how parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and that school and parents will partner to help students achieve high standards. The compact describes the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. The Parent-Student-Teacher compact describes ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their child(ren)'s learning and participating in decisions relating to the education of their child(ren).
- Lake Erie Academy gives parents reasonable access to staff as well as opportunities to volunteer, participate and observe in their child's classroom.
- Lake Erie Academy staff and administration make themselves available to assist parents in understanding such topics as academic standards, state and local assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, how they can work with the school to improve academic achievement and the requirements and benefits of parent involvement.
- Lake Erie Academy provides materials and training to parents to help parents work with their children to improve the child's achievement.
- Lake Erie Academy provides full opportunities for the participation of English as Second Language (ESL) families and disabilities to the extent possible.
- This written Lake Erie Academy Engagement Plan shall be distributed to all parents of students at Lake Erie in an understandable format and in a language parents can understand. This plan will be periodically updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. If you have any questions or comments about this plan, please contact the school at 419.475.3786