

LaVergne Middle School-Wide
Parent and Family Engagement Policy
2019-2020

Reaching Out:

(Welcoming all families into the school community and speaking up for every child)

This school will encourage parent involvement, inform parents of their parental rights, provide assessment results, and curriculum expectations by:

- Convening an Annual Fall Meeting through which the parents are informed of the parent involvement program and their rights.
- Involving parents when planning and evaluating programs through surveys and other means.
- Providing communication through newsletters, meetings, surveys, school web pages and conferences.
 - Making the school's parent involvement policy available to the community through the school website.
 - Providing a copy of the district and school parent involvement policy.
 - Responding to parent suggestions/ concerns in a timely manner.

Sharing Responsibility:

(Communicating effectively, supporting student success, and sharing power)

This school will share with parents the responsibility of the students' education by:

- Working with parents to develop a written agreement outlining responsibilities of each party to help students achieve in school.
- Offering flexible communication through means of conferences, phone calls, newsletters, and e-mails.
 - Providing opportunities for parents to actively participate in school activities when appropriate.
 - Providing the opportunity for parents to review and improve the parent involvement policy and school improvement plan.

Parents rights:

- Parents and families have the right to ask for professional qualifications of the instructional staff that teaches their child.
 - Parents and families may ask for the detailed system report card on student achievement.
- Parents and families have the right to know the detailed report card on student achievement and whether or not the schools are succeeding according to predetermined performance standards.

Assistance:

(Collaborating with the community)

This school will actively seek increased parent involvement and participation by:

- Assisting parents with their needs and information by coordinating with other community programs and agencies.
 - Relating positive communication to parents about the progress of their child.
- Coordinating with other programs to provide resources and extra help to families in need.
 - Using the appropriate language when communicating with parents who have limited English as well as coordinating with the ESL program to meet the needs of these parents
 - Offering parent-training sessions on a flexible schedule.
- Informing parents concerning opportunities for Literacy training and job skills in the community.

LaVergne Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Compact
2018-19

Parent/Family Agreement:

In order to help my child achieve academic success, I agree to do the following:

- See that my child attends school regularly, arrives on time, fed, rested, and well-prepared each day.
- Establish a time and place to support at home learning and promote positive use of extra-curricular time.
- Attend scheduled conferences, maintain communication with teachers, and participate as appropriate decisions relating to the education of my child.
- Support school activities by volunteering, and participating in parents training sessions as often as possible.
- Support the faculty and staff of LaVergne Middle School and its efforts to maintain proper discipline.
- Show respect for my child's teacher, school personnel, and cultural differences in others.
- Share the responsibility for improving my child's academic achievement.

Student Agreement:

It is important that I work to the best of my ability to improve my academic achievement; I agree to do the following:

- Believe in myself that I can and will achieve, attend school each day, be on time, have all assignments completed.
- Obey the rules of conduct and expectations at LaVergne Middle School.

School Agreement:

Every student deserves the right to academic success. Therefore, we will:

- Set high expectations and provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet challenging academic achievement standards.
- Maintain an environment conducive to learning, while communicate effectively with students, parents and families in a language that they understand.
- Respect the students and parents while showing compassion, patience, and sensitivity to the students' individual needs.
- Encourage parent participation at school- wide activities and events.
- Develop lessons designed to improve state performance levels in all academic areas and provide frequent reports of progress to parents.
- Provide a positive classroom environment while demonstrating respect for cultural differences of our school and community.
- Offer parent-teacher conferences, at least annually, during which the compact will be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement.