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 Lisa Academy North Elementary (Lisa Academy District)
 5410 Landers Rd
 Sherwood AR 72117
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District Name:	LISA Academy North
Grades Levels:	K-5
Building Facilitator:	Bethany Ratermann
District Coordinator:	Aydogan Altun
Percent Free and Reduced Lunch:	63%

Title I Status

- Schoolwide
 Targeted Assistance
 Non-Title I School

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Position
LeaH	Eckart	Parent
Suann	Gonzales	Parent
Denise	Crace	Staff
Emrah	Turkmen	Staff
Taszic	Aras	Staff- Engagement Coordinator

1. List various communication strategies used in your school to provide additional information to parents and to increase parent and family engagement in supporting classroom instruction.

The school will work with parents to jointly develop a written policy that is distributed to all parents via the website. Parents will be given the opportunity to meet with school employees to discuss policy after school hours by calling the school to schedule times at their convenience.

Schools will send notices home and advertise through postings on campus stating the time and location of parent meetings. Parents will be given the option of meeting during out of school hours with school administration and staff to discuss school parent and family engagement policy.

The LISA Academy North Elementary will send out periodic survey and feedback forms via paper and email to gather parent and family input. Then the information will be disseminated at parent meetings that provide parents with information on how to best help their child succeed in school.

The school will conduct volunteer training annually at various times to allow parents to get the necessary training in

order to volunteer within the school. This training is being provided by the VOLY software system when parents sign up.

2. List the proposed parent meeting, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year and the dates providing flexible meeting times that you have planned to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. (Must include the 2 state mandated parent/teacher conferences each year.)

The district annual meeting was held in the spring on Friday, May 11, 2018, at 4 pm at LISA Academy District Office to update the policy for next year's Title I, Part A. Program. The meeting was facilitated by the District Engagement Coordinator, Aydogan Altun. This meeting was attended by both parent and family engagement committee members, invited parents, selected faculty and was open to the public. Comments, feedback, and suggestions from this meeting were used to formulate the following school year's policy regarding Title I. LISA Academy North Elementary building level meeting was held on September 24, 2018 at 9:30am to focus on how district goals can be implemented at the elementary level.

Each semester LISA Academy North Elementary School also hosts parent teacher conferences for an entire day to be sure that families can find a time that works best for their schedule.

Elementary parent night is also held each fall with multiple sessions so parents can come and select the sessions they want to learn more about from 5pm-7pm on Oct. 18, 2018.

Home Visits are also scheduled throughout the year depending on the family availability to ensure the open lines of communication are effective.

3. How will your school provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities (must include state mandated parent training)?

The school will conduct volunteer training annually at various times to allow parents to get the necessary training in order to volunteer within the school. This training is being provided by the VOLY software system when parents sign up.

Parents then can select what type of opportunities they are most interested in and be alerted when those volunteer opportunities are posted.

The LISA Academy School District will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement activities in Part A with other outside agencies in the community. LISA Academy offers many other programs to enhance parent and family engagement. A recent innovation has been the addition of the VOLY website, which allows parents to sign up and choose from existing opportunities to volunteer in the schools. The Parent Academy also offers coordination with other parent activities, as members of the community present related resources of interest to our families, such as financial aid, budgeting, and literacy training. We plan to provide pamphlets offering community resources to parents in the coming school year. LISA Academy North Elementary will also encourage students to become engaged in their community by demonstrating community helpers in the building and rewarding positive citizen behavior with principal bucks. Students in kindergarten are currently paired with fourth grade helper to guide students to be involved citizens.

4. How will your school work with parents to create a School-Parent-Compact?

LISA Academy North will send out periodic parent surveys and seek feedback from stakeholder groups in order to create a school-parent compact to outline the responsibility of each stakeholder group. Results from the surveys will be shared in parent meetings where additional feedback can be gathered and finalized.

5. How will your school provide opportunities for parents to be involved in the development, implementation and evaluation of the school wide school improvement plan, and the Annual Title I Meeting to engage them in the decision-making processes regarding the school's Title I, Part A Program?

The LISA Academy School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESSA:

The school will publicize and disseminate the results of its local annual review of each school to parents, teachers, principals, schools, and the community so that they can continually refine the instructional program, in a useful manner, to help all children in Title I Part A programs meet the challenging State student achievement standards. Representatives from the Arkansas Department of Education will also be on hand at the annual Elementary Parent Curriculum Night event to answer questions and explain the importance of parental involvement.

Parents will be provided with a School Handbook that allows them to review school policies and they will be encouraged verbally and in print to make suggestions to administrators regarding policies. LISA Academy North is also in process of translating the handbook into Spanish for ease of access as well.

The school will host parent meetings to discuss school review and improvement and allow parents to ask questions about and make suggestions to the process.

The LISA Academy School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

Parents will be involved on committees whose focus is in developing and implementing the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan at the school level.

6. How will your school provide resources for parents?

LISA Academy will provide materials and training not otherwise available to assist parents in supporting their child's academic achievement. This will be accomplished by providing information through varied means, including on our school and district websites, sending home paper and email newsletters from classes, schools, and the district, offering parent-teacher conferences and through social media outlets and annual parent academy program. LISA Academy North Elementary hosts an annual curriculum night as well where parents can select various sessions of interest to learn more about the curriculum and resources available to them including DeansList, ClassDojo, Home Access Center, as well as resources to help them with homework nightly.

LISA Academy School District will enhance the awareness and skills of teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and staff in reaching out to, communicating with, and working with parents as equal partners. To accomplish this, district engagement coordinator, Aydogan Altun, will organize a variety of events throughout the year. All staff will obtain at least two hours of professional development on understanding effective parent and family engagement strategies. Title I schools will meet with the Federal Program Supervisor to ensure support and coordination to implement the parent and family engagement activities. This will help guarantee that schools continue to achieve high academic performance.

LISA Academy School District will ensure, to the extent possible, that information is sent home in a language and form that parents can understand. In order to do this, ESOL coordinator, will consult the Home Language Surveys which are sent out at the beginning of each school year, to determine what languages are needed in order to communicate with most families. The coordinator will be a point of contact for any family that needs forms to be translated, and the coordinator will provide translated information if this is possible.

LISA Academy will provide literacy training at its annual Parent Academy events. LISA Academy North will post the school policy to the website for parents to view. The district parent and family engagement policy will be available to parents on the district's website.

7. How will your school engage parents in the evaluation of your parent and family engagement efforts?

At the end of each school year, a needs assessment will be conducted by the school district. This survey will allow parents input in the evaluation of the district plan for its effectiveness. The survey results will be evaluated by a core committee and the district plan will be revised to continue to improve academic performance. The core committee will be comprised of district staff and parents, and facilitated by a Federal Programs designee. Ms. Angela Ward is responsible for this. Contact number is 501-916-9450.

The school has and will continue to approve reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent and family engagement activities. The administration will continue to provide any reasonable support for parent and family engagement at the request of any and all of its schools. Mr. Tarzc Arars is responsible for this. Contact number is (501) 945-2727

8. How will your school use the parent interest surveys to select, plan and implement parent and family engagement activities that will be offered throughout the year?

Parent meetings will be held to address and make improvements to the policy for any barriers that are determined. Parents will be asked to make verbal suggestions to the parent and family engagement policy; this will be noted on our district website.

LISA Academy North Elementary seeks to eliminate all barriers for parents and families to become involved. Therefore programs have been created to support families and reduce effects of such barriers including;

Backpacks for food- this is a partnership program with local churches to provide food over weekends and holidays to students in need.

Free uniforms- Gently used uniforms are provided free of charge to families in need.

Translation services- Provided free of charge to any family in need of support.

Special Olympics Program- to encourage students of all abilities to reach for their goals

Parent Academy- Programs specifically target parents on how to be affective financial planner, improve their own education, and learn about all the resources available to them.

The administration will routinely collect parent participation documentation through sign-in sheets for workshops, meetings, and conferences; schedules; brochures; meeting notes; and other means as appropriate throughout the school year. This documentation is available upon request and is maintained by the school administration.

LISA Academy will use the findings from evaluation process to make recommendations to each participating school for parent and family engagement policy revision and/or provide suggestions for designing school improvement policies, as they relate to parent and family engagement using the process described above. Mr. Aydogan Altun is responsible for this. Contact number is (501) 246-5853.

9. When will your school plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately? (It CANNOT be held in conjunction with any other meetings or activities.)

LISA Academy North will hold the Annual Title 1 Meeting on November 1st at 4:30pm in the cafeteria.

**After completion of this form, the school should to the district for review, feedback, and approval. Once approved, the school is required to post their School Parent Plan on their website.*

District Feedback:

	Attention: Changes Needed!	In Compliance	Comments	Date of Feedback
1. Communication Strategies:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Annual Schedule:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Volunteer Opportunities:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. School-Parent-Compact:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Involvement/Schoolwide Planning:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Resources for Parents:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Evaluation of Efforts:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Parent Survey:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Annual Title I Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		