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LISA Academy North Middle School

(LISA Academy District)

5410 Landers Road

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2018-2019 School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

District Name:	LISA Academy
Grades Levels:	6-8
Building Facilitator:	Emrah Turkmenoglu
District Coordinator:	Aydogan Altun
Percent Free and Reduced Lunch:	57 %

Title I Status

- Schoolwide
 Targeted Assistance
 Non-Title I School

Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members

First Name	Last Name	Position
Leah	Eckart	Parent
Suann	Gonzales	Parent
Denise	Crace	Staff
Emrah	Turkmenoglu	Principal
Tanju	Aras	Staff-Engagement Coordinator
Bethany	Ratermann	Staff

Goal 1: LISA Academy North Middle School will use various communications 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.

School 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 Middle 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.

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

Opportunities will be given to allow parents to volunteer to assist with school functions such as chaperoning after school activities, etc. Statistics on recent parent and family engagement will be reviewed and goals for improvement will be named.

Contact: Tanju Aras (501)-945-2727

Goal 2: LISA Academy North Middle School will hold parent meetings, conferences and activities regularly throughout this year will provide flexible meeting times to increase parent and family engagement and build staff and parent capacity to engage in these types of efforts. These meetings will 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. Contact number is (501) 246-5853. 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 Middle building level meeting was held on September 24, 2018 at 9:30 AM to focus on how district goals can be implemented at the middle school level. Contact: Tanju Aras (501)-945-2727

Each semester LISA Academy North Middle 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. The parent-teacher conference dates are September 21, 2018, and February 18, 2018.

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

Goal 3: LISA Academy North Middle School will provide information to parents about volunteer opportunities.

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.

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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 Middle 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.

All teachers will complete 2 hours and all administrators 3 hours of PD related to effective parent and family engagement strategies. This will be accomplished through Arkansas IDEAs courses and other PD available through conferences.

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Goal 4: LISA Academy North Middle School will 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.

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Goal 5: LISA Academy North Middle School will 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.

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.

LISA Academy will recruit parents to serve on district ACSIP committee to develop the Title I Application. Administrators

will contact parents who are actively involved in parent and family engagement activities at the school, based on volunteer forms and past experience. The school will also recruit parents for a district Parent Advisory Committee. This committee will meet periodically throughout the year to give feedback to school leaders and to brainstorm about upcoming issues facing the school. District title I Coordinator, Mikail Abdullayev is responsible for this. Contact number is 501-916-9450.

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.

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Goal 6: LISA Academy North Middle School will 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 Middle School hosts curriculum night as well where parents can learn more about the curriculum and resources available to them including DeansList, Home Access Center.

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.

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Goal 7: LISA Academy North Middle School will engage parents in the evaluation of the 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.

Goal 8: LISA Academy North Middle School will 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 Middle School 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.

Goal 9: LISA Academy North Middle School will plan the Annual Title I Meeting that must be conducted separately.

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

Contact: Kimberly Woody-Smith (501) 945-2727