

LaVergne Middle School-Wide  
Parent and Family Engagement Policy  
2018-2019

**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 have the right to ask for professional qualifications of the instructional staff that teaches their child.
  - Parents may ask for the detailed system report card on student achievement.
  - Parents 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.