



BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY LUCIO MIDDLE SCHOOL 2014-2015



I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Lucio Middle School is committed to providing quality education to every student in the school. Partnerships with parents and the community are essential to this goal as neither home nor school can achieve this goal independently. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high student achievement. Parents play an important role as children's first teacher and their support is critical to their children's success. **Lucio Middle School** intends to include parents in all aspects of the district's Title I programs to create a school-home partnership that will promote student success.

Grade level goals for all children in **Lucio Middle School** will be distributed to parents with the expectation that *all* students will work toward these goals. **Lucio Middle School** recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance of Title I programs to reach these goals and is committed to providing that support.

- **Tutorials before and after school**
- **21st Century**
- **Texas Literacy Initiative**
- **Communities in Schools**

II. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPING AND REVISING THE POLICY

The **Lucio Middle School** Advisory Committee consisting of campus parents, teachers, principal and community members developed the campus Parental Involvement Policy. **Lucio Middle School** will annually form an Advisory Committee to review the campus Parental Involvement Policy and to revise it as necessary. Special attention will be given to recruiting parent volunteers of children served in the Title programs, with a goal of having at least three parents on the committee.

- **September 2014 – May 2015**

III. ANNUAL TITLE I CAMPUS PARENT MEETINGS

Lucio Middle School will hold an annual Title I meeting for parents. This meeting will be held during the fall semester. The purpose of this meeting is to provide parents with information regarding Title I guidelines and services offered to students utilizing Title I funds as stated in the current campus Parental Involvement Policy. The Parental Involvement Policy will also be distributed to parents. Parents will be given the opportunity to offer their suggestions for any revisions to the policy at a set meeting. Parents may also volunteer to serve on the district-wide and/or school's advisory committee.

The annual meeting will be held at flexible times to increase the opportunity for parental participation. English and Spanish translation will be available. Written notices in both languages will be sent to parents notifying them of the date and times of the meetings. Parent volunteers, parent trainers, and parent liaisons will also contact other parents by phone regarding the meetings. Volunteers who speak both English and Spanish will make all contacts.

- **September 2014 – May 2015**

IV. SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

According to Title I regulations, **Lucio Middle School** must share responsibility with parents for high student achievement by jointly developing a school-parent-student compact. This compact must outline the responsibilities of parents, staff, and students for promoting high student performance. Parents on **Lucio Middle School** Advisory Committee will be involved in designing and reviewing the compact. Students' responsibilities may vary by grade level.

All parents will receive the compact from their child's school with a checklist of the responsibilities that teachers, parents, and students have for helping students achieve their goals.

Parents are urged to discuss the compact with their children before they and their children sign the document.

- **September 2014 – May 2015**

V. TYPES OF PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Lucio Middle School will provide opportunities for parent engagement to become involved in their children's education. **Lucio Middle School** values both the at-home contributions of parents and those that take place at the school or in the community. Reading to children at home and talking with them at family meals are as important as volunteering at school and serving on advisory committees. Many types of parental involvement are needed in school-home-community partnership to help all children succeed. In alignment with BISD's philosophy and mission, the **Lucio Middle School** Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) includes a parental involvement component. All parent and community volunteers must comply with the district policy regarding State of Texas background checks.

- **Parent Meetings**
- **Benefits and requirements to become a Parent Volunteer**
- **College Awareness**
- **Topics addressing Special Populations**
- **Health / Nutrition Education**

VI. ADAPT PROGRAMS TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Each year **Lucio Middle School** will assess the needs of parents and children in the community through a variety of measures, including questionnaires sent home to parents, so that Title I programs can be tailored to meet those needs. Workshops and other programs will be available to address the expressed needs. Parents will be notified of these opportunities by the individual schools.

Parents may also call the Parental Involvement Department or the **Lucio Middle School** office to express an interest in a particular workshop topic or to make recommendations about the program.

- **September 2014 – May 2015**

VII. STAFF-PARENT COMMUNICATION

Communication with parents may include a school newsletter distributed by each school at least four times a year. Notices and activity packets sent home with children, telephone calls, conferences, and home visits will promote school-home communication as well. Notices sent home should be in both English and Spanish. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher or campus administrator when they have a concern. Staff should receive training on techniques to improve home-school communication. Parents may participate in this training.

- **Fliers**
- **Marquee**
- **School Messenger**
- **Afternoon announcements (intercom)**
- **Home visits**
- **Telephone contact**

VIII. EVALUATION

The campus Advisory Committee, which may include parents of Title I, Migrant, Bilingual, Special Needs and GT students, will participate in the process of school review and improvement. This committee will collect information in a variety of ways, including campus visits and class observations.

Parents will also be asked for their input on the content and effectiveness of the campus Title I parental involvement program through an annual evaluation of the program. The evaluation will include an assessment of overall increases in parental involvement and barriers to parental participation that still need to be overcome. **Lucio Middle School** will revise its campus Parental Involvement Policy and Campus Improvement Plan on the basis of this annual review.

- **April 2015 - May 2015**