



Dickinson Independent School District

Louis G. Lobit Elementary

Title I Parent Engagement Policy

2017-2018

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The DISD Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the administration and staff of Lobit Elementary, continue to focus on the importance of family involvement and community engagement. Lobit Elementary strives to create and maintain a welcome atmosphere for parent and community involvement on all district sites. Lobit Elementary encourages meaningful collaboration with all stakeholders so that communication between home, school and the community is continuous and open. In order to ensure greater opportunities for student success, Lobit Elementary supports:

- Strong parent involvement activities
- A positive working relationship between educators and families of all student groups and
- Diverse communication channels between school and families.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Annually parents and school staff will work to revise and improve the District and Campus Parent Involvement Policies. The format and language of this policy is designed to be easily read and understood. Copies will available on the district's website and are available to parents and other members of the community upon request.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING/EVALUATION

Dickinson ISD uses Title I funds to provide school wide services for students on 12 campuses. Lobit Elementary is one of those 10 campuses. The Lobit Elementary Campus Improvement Committee will hold at least one meeting annually to review Title I, Part A parent involvement guidelines and services offered through the district. The meeting will be held at a convenient time and location. Notice of the meeting will be provided through invitation to parents and public notices. Copies of the Lobit Elementary Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed and discussed at the meeting. Parents, administration, staff, and community members will be encouraged to become involved in revising and updating the policy as necessary and parent volunteers will be recruited for various district committee appointments.

SCHOOL COMPACT

In accordance with Title I regulations, each Title I school and their parent representatives will evaluate Lobit Elementary's School Compact annually and revise if needed. This compact will identify ways the school, parents and student can share the responsibility for student performance and success. A copy of the Lobit Elementary School Compact detailing these responsibilities will be made available on our campus website, distributed to parents through flyers, parent-teacher conferences and upon request. Parent/student signatures will not be required; however, parents are encouraged to discuss the contents of the compact with their child.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Lobit Elementary School will support many varied ways of parental involvement as they strive to develop and maintain an optimum learning environment for all students. Parents and community members may contribute through volunteering at school and by creating a supportive environment. Parent and community member suggestions for improving Lobit Elementary School are encouraged and welcomed. Successful school, parent and community communication will strengthen and reinforce everyone's desire for continued achievement for every child in the district. The following activities, programs and /or services are provided by Lobit Elementary to strengthen the partnership between school, home, and community:

- SHAC
- Family Access
- District Health Fair
- Campus Meet the Teacher Nights
- Special Olympics Activities
- Monthly Child Find Screenings
- Campus Career Day Activities
- Student Activity Fundraisers
- Family Thanksgiving
- Social Worker/Homeless Liaison
- Parent Pick-up Tags
- Teacher Web Pages
- DISD Educational Foundation
- Parent Involvement Newsletters
- Red Ribbon Week Activities
- Operation School Bell Program
- Communities-in-Schools Program
- Campus Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Campus Character Education Programs
- GT Presentations/GT Parent Group
- CIC and EIC Committee Participation
- 1st Tee Program
- Award ceremonies on campuses
- Campus Math/Literacy Nights
- Campus Student Achievement Awards
- Gator Health Clinic with Methodist St. John Hospital @ DHS
- Campus and District Social Media Communication
- Special Programs/ Parent Support Group Quarterly Meetings
- Participation in the Community Resource Coordination Group
- Campus Communication Folders/Notebooks
- District serves as a Community Health Partner with HHSC
- Campus and District School Messenger Notification System
- Private Non-Profit Title School Support
- Campus Parent Teacher Organization (PTOs)
- Community & Student Engagement Committees
- Elementary Campus Cinco de Mayo Programs
- Campus Student Dances/Parent Volunteers
- Rodeo Art Competition/Rodeo Student Participation
- Elementary Campus Holiday Programs/Activities
- Community and Business Campus Sponsorships
- Campus Spelling Bees
- District and Campus Parent Surveys
- Nurses' Vision/Hearing Screenings
- District Abilities Conference
- Stuff the Bus Activities
- Elementary Field Day Activities
- Special Needs Parent Rodeo Day

STAFF/PARENT COMMUNICATION

Newsletters, conferences, personal contacts and written notices will be utilized to establish and maintain an open line of communication. In addition, our website and other internet and electronic sources will be kept up-to-date in an effort to inform families. All Lobit Elementary staff members will make every effort to communicate positively and work effectively with parents and community members.

FUNDING /COORDINATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

A minimum of one percent of the Title I, Part A funds will be set aside by Dickinson ISD for purposes of parental involvement activities. The District distributes a large portion of these funds proportionally to the Title I campuses. Lobit Elementary School will spend Title I funds according to identified, comprehensive needs and Title I guidelines. Coordination, technical assistance and other support will also be provided by the district to assist campuses and families in planning and implementing parental involvement activities. This coordination will also include other programs in order to maximize district, state, and federal monies.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Lobit Elementary is committed to the success of students. We will work together with parents, community members and Lobit Elementary staff to monitor the effectiveness of our Parental Involvement and Title I Programs in order to provide excellence in education. This policy will be promoted by the administrators, principals, and other Lobit Elementary staff as we seek active participation by our parents.