



Title I Parent Handbook

Lakeland Academy Community Schools

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What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program designed to provide educational assistance for children who live in high poverty areas. The information contained in this booklet is in accordance with state and federal guidelines.

Lakeland Academy Community School uses their Title I funding to provide services through Schoolwide models. The Schoolwide model allows schools to pay for educational programs for the whole school. Any student may receive additional assistance. Services are provided through class size reduction, additional staff going into the classrooms, intervention, pulling out students in small groups, purchasing instructional supplies, and professional development for staff.

Communication

Education is a partnership between home and school. In order for this partnership to be effective, we need to communicate with parent. Please feel free to call, write a note, or email if you have concerns or questions about your child's education. Each year an Open House is held prior to the beginning of the school year and parent-teacher conferences are held in the fall and spring. Additional conferences may be scheduled by contacting the school.

Student Information

Student interim reports are sent home mid-way through the grading period, and report cards are issued at the end of each grading period (4 times per year). Parents are sent copies of state testing results yearly. Parents of students in grades Kindergarten and above have access to Progress Book and can view their students' grades at any time. Progress Book login information is sent home at the beginning of the school year.

Title I Compact

Responsibility for improved student achievement is shared by parents, students, and teachers. Each year parents are asked to review and sign a copy of the Title I Compact. The Compact identifies what the parent, teacher, principal, and student will do to help achieve success. The Compact also asks for parents input on improving their student's education.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement is an important part of Title I. Parents will receive invitations to attend school events and information is sent home on a regular basis.

Additional Information

Did you know Lakeland Academy Community School teachers and instructional aids are required to meet state/federal Highly Qualified criteria? Parents have the right to examine the professional credentials of their students' teachers. If you would like to examine teacher credentials, contact the Lakeland Academy Office at (740)658-1042.

Lakeland Academy Community School use curriculum that is aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards. The ODE (Ohio Department of Education) web site contains useful parent information regarding Ohio's Learning Standards. The address is www.ode.state.oh.us

PIRC-Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center is another useful resource that provides parents, families, students, educators, and communities with information, resources, and training. The address is www.ohiopirc.org

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2020-2021 School-Parent Compact

Lakeland Academy Community School receives funds under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Therefore, we are required to develop a written school-parent compact with parents for all children participating in Title I, Part A activities, services and programs. This would involve all students at Lakeland Academy since we are a Title I Schoolwide building, and all students are served on an as needed basis.

The compact below outlines how the entire school staff, parents, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which we will build and develop partnerships to help our students achieve Ohio's high standards.

School Responsibilities

Lakeland Academy Community School will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables our students to meet Ohio's Learning Standards/Ohio Core Curriculum Standards:
 - Through a curriculum aligned to Ohio's Learning Standards/Ohio Core Curriculum Standards
 - Through Highly Qualified Teachers and Paraprofessionals
 - By providing intervention services based on Diagnostic and Achievement Test Results
 - By providing a structured environment conducive to learning
2. Hold Parent-Teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to individual student achievement. Conferences will be held: in the fall, spring, and on a as needed basis.
3. Provide Parents with frequent reports on their student's progress:
 - Mid-term reports
 - End of grading period report cards
 - Ongoing Assessments
 - Access to Progress Book

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Staff will be available for consultation:

- At the beginning of the school day
- At the school building
- By appointment as needed

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate, and observe classroom activities, as follows:

- Become a Volunteer (Fingerprints and Background check required)
- Schedule an appointment for an observation, if desired,
- Serve on school advisory teams

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance
 - Making sure that homework is completed
 - Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to our children's education
 - Staying informed about our children's education and communicating with the school by reading all notices from the school and responding appropriately
 - Maintaining communication between home and school
 - Other:
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Please return this signature page to the teacher or school office and feel free to add comments or suggestions.

I have reviewed the 2020-2021 School-Parent Compact for Lakeland Academy Community School.

Student _____ Date: _____

Parent _____ Date: _____