

**Lanier School for Inquiry,
Investigation, and
Innovation (LSi³)
Parent and Family
Engagement Policy
2020-2021 School Year
Revised 06/15/2020**



Principal: John Wiggins
4782 Thompson Bridge Rd.
Gainesville, GA 30506
770-532-8781
<https://lanier.hallco.org>

What is Title I?

LSi³ is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Lanier School for Inquiry, Investigation, and Innovation (LSi³) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Our school values the involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that LSi³ will support parent and family engagement and will guide parents to help plan and participate in workshops and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? LSi³ invites all parents to attend an annual parent and family engagement input meeting to review and revise the parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school/district comprehensive needs assessment, school/district improvement plans, school-parent compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, our school welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year regarding this plan. All parent feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and make paper copies available for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parent and family members can also give feedback to our School Council members and at parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A Program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. LSi³ will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school's website, emailed through Infinite Campus, presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school's front office.

2020-21 District Goals

- Increase 2% of students in each subgroup moving into Proficient and Distinguished level on the EOG
- Increase "Closing the Gaps" score by 10% at each level (elementary, middle, and high)
- Increase 3% of Economically Disadvantaged students moving into Proficient and Distinguished level on the ELA EOG

2020-21 School Goals

- Increase by 5% the number of students performing Distinguished Learner on the ELA and Math EOG
- Decrease the Economically Disadvantaged and Non-Economically Disadvantaged achievement gap by 3% in ELA and Math on the EOG
- At least 80% of K-5 students will read on/above grade level on the F&P Benchmark Assessment System by May 2021

- ✓ Implement F&P Phonics and Word Study and Benchmark Assessment System with fidelity
- ✓ Provide multiple opportunities for reading, writing, speaking, and listening across all content areas
- ✓ Provide inquiry-based learning opportunities

School-Parent Compact

LSi³ and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the parent input meeting. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, and posted on the school's website. Hard copies of the school-parent compact are available in the front office.

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

LSi³ will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and community to improve student achievement.

K-5 Curriculum and Digital Learning at Home – Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM*

- Learn about grade level curriculum and expectations
- Learn how to support your child's digital learning (e.g., Canvas navigation)

Annual Title I Meeting – Thursday, October 22, 2020 10:00 am and 6:00 pm via ZOOM

- Join us to learn about our Title I program including the comprehensive needs assessment, school-wide improvement plan, parent and family engagement policy, and the school-parent compact

K-5 Family Inquiry/STEM Night – Friday, February 5, 2021 at 5:45 pm

- Join us to learn more about LSi³ and to participate in hands-on inquiry and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities that integrate literacy

Georgia Milestone Test Prep – Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM*

- Learn about Georgia's End-of-Grade Milestone testing for grades 3-5

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting – Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm

- Develop and review the comprehensive needs assessment, school-wide improvement plan, parent and family engagement policy, and the school-parent compact

Summer Reading Fair – Thursday May 6, 2021 at 5:45 pm

- Students will choose free books for summer reading and parents will receive tips to support reading at home

****ZOOM meetings will be recorded and available for parents to view at their convenience.***

Definition of Parent and Family Engagement

LSi³ believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including –

- *Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.*
- *Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.*
- *Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.*

Parent Resources

Parent resources are available in the media center. Parents can check out books and activities to complete at home with their child(ren). Computers are also available to explore the Infinite Campus parent portal and other educational resources. Educational pamphlets in English and Spanish are available in the atrium. LSi³ is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call 770-532-8781 or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

<https://lanier.hallco.org>

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

LSi³ will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ *Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.*
- ✓ *Partner with the 9th District Pre-K to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.*
- ✓ *Partner with Chestatee Academy to support the transition of 5th grade students to middle school with a student visit, parent night, and regular communication between schools.*
- ✓ *Participate in Canvas professional development modules four times a year to educate leaders, teachers, and staff on parent partnerships, involvement, and engagement.*
- ✓ *Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, email, Remind, social media, and flyers.*
- ✓ *Offer multiple parent meetings/trainings at convenient times; and provide transportation, childcare, or home visits if necessary.*
- ✓ *Offer parent-teacher conferences throughout the year to learn about academic progress*
- ✓ *Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.*
- ✓ *Communicate with parents about school curriculum and academic assessments to meet state standards. Provide results and interpretation of testing.*
- ✓ *Use our Partners in Education, School Council, and Parent and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the parent and family engagement policy.*
- ✓ *Offer families digital application training to support student learning from home*
- ✓ *Listen and respond to parent requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.*

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

LSi³ and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

___ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent and Family Engagement Committee.

___ Yes, please contact me to learn more about the Parent and Family Engagement Committee.

___ Yes, please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Email Address or Phone Number: _____

Parent and Family Engagement Committee

LSi³ invites all parents to join our parent and family engagement committee to share ways to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. The team will meet at least two times during the school year. Parents can also submit their ideas and suggestions at any time.

If you would like to learn more about this committee, please contact the principal, John Wiggins at 770-532-8781.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and return the form to the main office.

Name (optional): _____

Telephone Number (optional): _____

Feedback: _____
