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Parental Engagement Policy

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A. Scope

At Liwa Education, we believe that parents are integral to the success of their children's education. As the primary educators and role models for their children, parents play a crucial role in shaping the academic, social, and emotional development of students. This policy establishes a framework for effective parent engagement, ensuring that parents are active participants in their child's educational journey and that their partnership with the school is nurtured and valued.

This policy aligns with the Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) Parent Engagement Policy and encompasses the expectations, responsibilities, and opportunities for parents to engage meaningfully with the school community.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Establish clear expectations for parent engagement at Liwa Education, ensuring a collaborative and supportive environment.
2. Outline the requirements for a parent-school agreement and a comprehensive parent handbook.
3. Encourage effective communication between the school and parents, providing opportunities for parents to actively engage in their child's education.
4. Define the roles and responsibilities of parents in supporting their child's learning, development, and wellbeing.
5. Ensure that all parents are informed of and agree to adhere to the full set of school policies.

C. Definitions

1. **Parent**: The individual legally responsible for a child or entrusted with their care, as defined by Federal Decree Law No. (3) of 2016 Concerning Child Rights.
2. **Parent Engagement**: The active involvement of parents and their collaboration with the school to support and improve their child's learning, development, and wellbeing.
3. **Parent Involvement**: Participation of parents in school activities to support ongoing school improvement, community relationship-building, and leadership decision-making.

D. Policy

1. Parent-School Agreement

LISQ requires all parents to sign a Parent-School Agreement prior to their child's enrollment and annually upon re-enrollment. This agreement is a binding document that outlines the obligations and expectations of both the parents and the school. The agreement includes:

1.1 Parent Code of Conduct: This code is integral to maintaining a respectful and supportive school community. Parents are expected to:

1.1 Respect and uphold the school's values.

1.2 Treat all members of the school community, including staff, students, and other parents, with respect and professionalism.

1.3 Support the school's educational efforts by ensuring that their children adhere to school policies, engage in home learning, and maintain good attendance and punctuality.

1.4 Model appropriate behavior, including the responsible use of social media and adherence to UAE cultural norms.

1.5 Address any concerns or conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner, working collaboratively with the school to find solutions.

1.6 Commit to the school's expectations regarding healthy eating, physical activity, and overall student wellbeing.

1.7 Agree to adhere to and uphold all Liwa Education policies.

2. Parent Handbook

LISQ provides a comprehensive Parent Handbook, which is updated annually and made available to all parents at the beginning of each academic year. The handbook serves as a vital resource for parents and includes detailed information on:

2.1 School Rules and Policies: This section outlines all relevant school rules and policies, including but not limited to:

- **2.1.1** Admission and Enrollment
- **2.1.2** Tuition Fees
- **2.1.3** Uniform Requirements
- **2.1.4** Daily Schedule
- **2.1.5** Attendance and Punctuality
- **2.1.6** Behavior and Discipline
- **2.1.7** Academic Policies
- **2.1.8** Communication Protocols
- **2.1.9** Health and Safety
- **2.1.10** Student Protection and Welfare
- **2.1.11** Transportation

2.2 A blank copy of the Parent-School Agreement for reference, ensuring that parents understand the commitments they are making upon signing.

3. Parent Engagement

3.1 Engaging Parents in Their Child's Learning

LISQ fosters a collaborative environment where parents are actively involved in their child's educational journey. The school provides various avenues for parents to engage with their child's learning:

3.1.1 Communication with Staff: Parents have direct access to their child's teachers and other relevant staff members. to discuss their child's progress.

3.1.2 **Curriculum and Learning Outcomes**: Parents are provided with detailed information about the curriculum, expected learning outcomes, and strategies to support their child's learning at home.

3.1.3 **Assessment and Reporting**: The school partners with parents to help students achieve their best in assessments.

3.1.4 **Supporting Home Learning**: Guidance is provided for parents to support learning at home effectively.

3.2 Engaging Parents in Their Child's Wellbeing

LISQ promotes the holistic development of students by engaging parents in initiatives that support their child's physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing:

3.2.1 **Wellbeing Strategy**: Parents are invited to provide feedback through surveys and participate in wellbeing initiatives.

3.2.2 **Healthy Eating and Nutrition**: Parents are encouraged to provide healthy, balanced meals for their children.

3.3.3 **Mental Health Support**: Parents are engaged in mental health education programs.

3.3.4 **Inclusive Provision**: Parents are informed about inclusive admission processes and requirements.

3.3.5 **Extracurricular Activities (ECAs)**: Parents are encouraged to support their child's participation in ECAs.

3.3.6 **Digital Practices**: Guidance is provided for supporting responsible digital use at home.

3.3 Parent Involvement and Notification

LISQ recognizes the importance of parent involvement in school activities and ensures that parents are notified of important information in a timely manner:

3.3.1 **School Visits**: Parents are welcomed to visit the school during scheduled events.

3.3.2 **Volunteering**: Opportunities for volunteering are provided where possible.

3.3.3 **Participation in School Events**: Parents are invited to attend and participate in various school events.

3.3.4 **Governance**: Parent representatives are included in school governance structures.

3.3.5 **School Fees**: Clear communication on fee payment schedules and policies is provided.

3.4 Means of Communication

LISQ is committed to maintaining open and effective communication with parents through a variety of channels:

3.4.1 **Multiple Communication Channels**: Including PowerSchool Bulletin, ClassDojo, emails, and online portals.

3.4.2 **Emergency Communication**: A mass notification system is in place for emergencies.

3.4.3 **Record Keeping**: All written communication with parents is documented securely.

Compliance

Effective Date: This policy is effective from the start of the Academic Year 2024/25 (Fall term).

Linked Policies

This Parent Engagement Policy is interconnected with several other Liwa Education and ADEK policies, including but not limited to:

- Admissions Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Digital Policy
- Inclusion Policy
- Student Protection and Welfare Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Values and Ethics Policy
- Records Policy
- Safeguarding Policy

References

- Federal Decree Law No. (3) of 2016 Concerning Child Rights
- Federal Decree Law No. (31) of 2021 Promulgating the Crimes and Penalties Law
- Ministerial Decree No. 820 of 2014 on Registration Terms for Students

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