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LELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT CENTER

Parent and Family Engagement Plan NEWSLETTER

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What is Family Engagement?

Family Engagement refers to the active participation of parents, guardians, and family members in ongoing, meaningful, and collaborative communication with schools to support student learning and success. Family engagement includes regular, two-way communication that connects families with academic programs and school activities.

Family Engagement ensures:

- **Parents and families play an essential role in supporting their child's academic growth and development.**
- **Families are encouraged and provided opportunities to be actively involved in their child's education both at school and at home.**
- **Parents are recognized as full partners in the educational process and are included, when appropriate, in decisionmaking, school improvement planning, and advisory committees.**
- **Schools and families work together to create supportive learning environments that promote student achievement and well-being.**

Additional family engagement activities are implemented in accordance with Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which emphasizes strong partnerships between schools and families to.

How to Enhance Family Relationships

Enhancing family relationships involves communication, understanding, empathy, and quality time together. Here are several strategies to help strengthen family bonds.

- **Effective Communication:** Create a safe space where each member feels comfortable expressing their thoughts, feelings, and concerns openly and honestly.
- **Quality Time Together:** Spend time together as a family regularly. This can include shared meals, family outings, game nights, or other activities everyone enjoys. Also, create traditions and rituals.
- **Active Listening:** Show genuine interest in what family members have to say and validate their feelings.
- **Empathy and Understanding:** Foster empathy and understanding among family members by putting yourself in each other's shoes and considering their perspectives and emotions.
- **Respect Boundaries:** Respect each other's boundaries and personal space. Understand that everyone needs time and privacy alone.
- **Resolve Conflicts Constructively:** Conflict is natural in any relationship. Teach family members conflict resolution skills, such as staying calm, actively listening, finding common ground, and seeking solutions together.
- **Celebrate Achievements:** Foster a positive and supportive family environment by acknowledging and celebrating each other's achievements, milestones and successes.
- **Support Each Other:** Always offer support to family members.
- **Forgiveness and Letting Go:** Practice forgiveness and let go of past grievances.
- **Express Love and Gratitude:** Express love and gratitude toward each other regularly. Simple gestures like saying, "I love you," giving hugs, or writing notes of appreciation can strengthen family bonds.
- **Work on Individual Growth:** Encourage individual growth and development within the family. Support each other's goals and aspirations and provide encouragement during times of challenge or self-improvement.

By implementing these strategies consistently, families can cultivate stronger relationships, deepen connections, and create a supportive and loving environment for everyone involved.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Testing Schedule Upcoming School Event

| MAAP-A | 8th Grade | 7th Grade | Las Link | 6th Grade |
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| ELA & Math 6th Grade April 1-2, 2026 | Algebra I April 27, 2026 | Math May 14, 2026 | Edna Scott Elementary Speaking and Listening March 23, 2026 | Math May 07, 2026 |
| | Science May 7, 2026 | | Edna Scott Elementary Reading March 24, 2026 | ELA-MC May 12, 2026 |
| | ELA - MC April 29, 2026 | ELA- MC May 5, 2026 | | |
| | ELA - Writing April 30, 2026 | ELA-Writing May 6, 2026 | Edna Scott Elementary Writing March 25, 2026 | ELA- Writing May 13, 2026 |
| ELA & Math 7th Grade April 7-8, 2026 | Math May 4, 2026 | | | |



LELAND HIGH SCHOOL MAAP TESTING SCHEDULE

"Stay Focused. Be Prepared. Do Your Best!"

- Testing Location: Classrooms / Computer Labs
- All tests will be taken on Chromebooks
- Start Time: 8:30 AM Daily

TESTING DATES



Wednesday, May 6: *Biology I*



Thursday, May 7: *Algebra I*



Tuesday, May 12: *English II*



Wednesday, May 13: *English II Writing*

REMINDERS FOR SCHOLARS

- Arrive ON TIME
- Bring Your Chromebook (Fully Charged)
- Follow All Testing Expectations
- Get a Good Night's Rest
- No Disruptions or Distractions



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Elementary School
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TestStrong

★ TESTING DATES ★

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| 💡 | APRIL 7-10 | -- ELPT Test | 🎧 |
| 💡 | APRIL 14 | --- 3rd Grade Reading GATE | 📖 |
| 💡 | APRIL 20 | --- MAAP-A | 📊 |
| 💡 | APRIL 27 | --- 3rd Grade Writing | 🖋️ |
| 💡 | APRIL 29 | --- 3rd Grade Math | 📐 |
| 💡 | MAY 5 | --- 4th Grade Reading | 📖 |
| 💡 | MAY 6 | --- 4th Grade Math | 📐 |
| 💡 | MAY 7 | --- 5th Grade Reading | 📖 |
| 💡 | MAY 8 | --- 4th Grade Writing | 🖋️ |
| 💡 | MAY 11 | --- 5th Grade Writing | 🖋️ |
| 💡 | MAY 12 | --- 5th Grade Math | 📐 |
| 💡 | MAY 13 | --- 5th Grade Science | 🧪 |
| 💡 | MAY 14 | --- 3rd Grade GATE Retest | ★ |

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★ Believe in Yourself! ★ You've Got This! ★
★ Do Your Best! ★ Stay Focused! ★

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