



PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

*In accordance with Light of the World School Board of Directors Policy, **BP 2112**, LOTWA Leadership has established the following Parent Involvement Plan:*

Our educators and faculty are driven by personal relationships with students and their parents or caregivers. The teachers and administration will use a developmental lens to view every child's personality, confidence level, family circumstance and learning style in order to best serve the individual learner. These relationships also help us to know when we as a community can come alongside the families that need or want our support.

Our physical building is offered to the community as a safe and welcoming environment for social and civic activities, extracurricular clubs, fitness classes, educational outreach and more. We will continue to be a warm home not only to our children, but also to their parents, grandparents, caregivers and neighbors.

Light of the World Academy enjoys a cooperative spirit between families, caregivers and school staff. We desire the input from parents and families and seek it out when possible.

There are many opportunities for parents, caregivers and extended families to partner with the school. These include:

- Becoming involved with our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO holds regularly scheduled meetings and helps with fundraisers, school enhancements, school improvement, classroom and teacher support.
- The PTO sponsors a mentorship program, in which returning families partner with new families.
- There will be a room at the school dedicated for family and parent use to meet and network with other school families and parents on a daily basis.
- Volunteer in the classrooms as a volunteer reader or teacher helper.
- Take part in afterschool clubs and activities (including Theater Club, sports clubs, outreach projects, etc.), as well as school outings (including our annual Great Wolf Lodge/Kalahari trip, our fall outing, our Meet You at

the Park event and more) and field trips.

- Taking part in our fall and spring clean up days.
- Parents can sit on school committees, including the Curriculum Committee, Outreach Committee, Character Development Committee and School Improvement Team, as well as student leadership opportunities.
- Parents can volunteer to chair or help with our many local and global outreach programs, including 5K Run for the Gold; We Day Event; and our annual fundraiser auction.

Light of the World Academy believes that ongoing communication with families is essential to the success of the student. Light of the World Academy communicates in several ways, including:

- There are two parent-teacher conferences scheduled during the year – in November and May. The staff is always available to meet outside these times to discuss student progress, special circumstances and other matters.
- Weekly newsletters from each class and the school.
- The staff makes themselves available every day for communication with families before and after school.
- Staff will respond to email and phone messages within 24 hours.
- We have an active Facebook page and website that keeps families informed about school activities and news.
- Connect families in need with community resources.
- For special circumstances, we can design daily or weekly communication systems. These include individual learning challenges, health situations, family circumstances, etc.

We have several events during the year that help facilitate parent communication and involvement, including:

- Orientation meetings, curriculum nights, Parent University and support opportunities.
- School participation in community events (fairs, festivals, parades, etc.).