

Title I District Advisory Council Meetings

The Title I District Advisory Council (DAC) is made up of parents and Title I staff members who meet to plan and implement the Title I programs in Fairfax County Public Schools and discuss increasing parent involvement in school. Representatives from each Title I school attend the countywide DAC meetings five times per year and report back to their respective schools. DAC participants share information about Title I and about family involvement opportunities and programs. The meetings are open and all parents are invited to attend. At the end of the year, the DAC presents a report to the School Board.

Title I DAC meetings will be held in a variety of school locations at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, October 26, 2009 – Lacey Center
Monday, December 7, 2009 – Bucknell ES
Monday, January 25, 2010 – Lacey Center
Monday, March 8, 2010 – Dogwood ES
Monday, May 3, 2010 – To be decided

Come join us at the DAC meetings. Learn more about the Title I program and parent involvement programs in other Title I schools throughout the county. If you need directions or additional information, please call the Title I Office, Lacey Center, 703-846-8639.



Look on Your School's Web Site

Last year, the Title I District Advisory Council recommended that each Title I school post their *School-Home Compact* and their *Family Involvement Policy* on their school web site. You can now find these documents on every Fairfax County Title I schools' web site. These documents indicate the commitment our Title I schools have to working in partnership with parents for student success.

On these school sites, the logo for a Title I school (above) automatically links you to the FCPS Title I Internet site where you will be able to find out more about the Title I programs in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Partnering with Parents

Partnerships among schools, families and community groups are an important key to student success. When these three groups work together and form strong relationships, student achievement increases.

This year, five Title I schools have committed to strengthening their partnerships with parents and community groups by joining the National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) located at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Braddock, Cameron, Lynbrook, Groveton and Woodlawn Elementary Schools are the five schools that will participate this academic year.

First, the schools created teams, called Action Teams for Partnerships. Teams consist of parents, teachers, administrators, parent liaisons, and other staff members. The teams met in August to learn more about strong parent involvement programs and drafted four parent involvement goals for this year. The goals focus on enhancing student achievement, making the school a more welcoming place for families and community members, and improving student behavior.

The teams use a structure, developed by nationally renowned researcher Joyce Epstein, to create measurable goals for parent involvement. The teams work throughout the year to implement their plans and reach their goals as a school community. In June, they will evaluate their progress and report their findings to Johns Hopkins University.

All of our Title I schools are dedicated to reaching out to parents and their communities. This NNPS program gives schools opportunities to focus their efforts on goals they have identified as priorities. Initiatives such as these build parent and community involvement in schools which eventually leads to increased student achievement.



Schools participate in the NNPS training offered by Title I.