



**Bren Mar Park Elementary School's
Title I Family Involvement Policy**

Our Title I school has worked collaboratively with parents, administrators and staff to create a family involvement policy that states our commitment to sharing the responsibility for high student achievement by working in partnership with families.

Therefore, Bren Mar Park commits to working in partnership with families in the following ways:

- Parents will be kept informed about *No Children Left Behind* Law and Title I program in our school using a variety of means, including: Back to School Night, Title I representative serving on the PTA Board, and parent coffees held throughout the year.
- Parents will be given timely information to help them understand the curriculum, the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) and school level assessments through ongoing grade level parent workshops, parent conferences, newsletters and personal mailings to individual families.
- A variety of workshops are held throughout the school year to provide assistance to parents with their child's education. Examples are Think Fun games held at a local bookstore, "Games that Teach Math" nights and make and take events held at school.
- All parents, staff and students will annually review and commit to our school's Compact that is posted in the main lobby throughout the school year highlighting the signatures of all members of our school community.
- At all events and upon request for individual parent/student conferences, interpreters are utilized as well as the individual headsets that provide simultaneous translations.
- Parents are apprised of their children's academic progress on a weekly basis through our Thursday folders. In addition, teachers will provide individual conferences and reports regarding student progress.
- Collaborate with our local FECEP and special education preschool centers to assist with transitioning students to our kindergarten program.
- Parents will be encouraged to participate in decision making committees such as our PTA executive board, school leadership team, Title I parent representative and liaison to the Parent Advisory Board, and various committees that provide evening events for our community.
- Through our parent liaison and PTA organization, parents' input is welcome and encouraged. In addition, Bren Mar Park commits financial resources to support a part-time parent liaison that welcomes parents as partners in their children's education and promotes communication between home and school.
- Parents are welcome to volunteer to serve as room parents, assist with R.I.F. days, assist in classrooms, provide tutoring, and support the clinic and in a variety of other tasks.
- To assist parents at school functions, free child care is provided, as well as refreshments and translations as needed.