

**Title I Family Involvement Policy
For
Brookfield Elementary School**

Fairfax County Public Schools' Title I program is established to improve student achievement and help all students meet the objectives of the Fairfax County Program of Studies and Virginia Standards of Learning.

To ensure this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. Therefore, Brookfield Elementary School commits to working in partnership with families in the following ways:

- Families are informed that Brookfield is a Title I School through the website and at Back-to-School Night, describing the program goals and purpose.
- *Partners in Print* programs are shared with families to support early literacy instruction in kindergarten and first grade.
- Take-home reading programs are provided in grades K-2 to encourage nightly reading at an early age.
- Our annual Spring Curriculum Night focuses on hands-on activities based on SOL standards in math, social studies, science, and language arts. Take-home activities are planned to assist parents in working with their children at home on targeted SOL skills.
- Parenting workshops are offered at varying hours are held on topics such as, Cyber bullying, *1-2-3 Magic*, and parenting techniques.
- A series of Minority Parent Forums are held each year to inform and encourage advocacy with parents of our Black and Multicultural students. Information on second grade ability testing, Gifted and Talented services, QUEST and countywide resources are provided and discussed.
- A series of Hispanic Informative Evenings are conducted in Spanish on a range of parenting topics to include discipline, communicating with school staff, and helping children with school assignments.
- Informational meetings are held on the Gifted and Talented Program and the Human Growth and Development curriculum.
- A parenting lending library is available in the lobby with PTA funded resources for parents.

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- Our annual International Night, offered in conjunction with the PTA, celebrates the diversity of our families.
- Assistance is offered to ESOL families to register for Summer School. Summer Reading Postcards and math calendars provide parents with materials and information to support summer learning.
- Kindergarten orientation is held in order for preschoolers and parents to meet kindergarten teachers and learn about what is expected for the next school year.
- Our Family Literacy program through the Adult ESOL Office provides English instruction for our non-native English speaking parents two nights per week. Childcare is provided.

Efforts are made to reduce the barriers to parent involvement so that all families may participate in programs at school. Family involvement at programs is encouraged when feasible, or child care is provided. Translators are provided at all major school events and conferences. Hispanic and Vietnamese parent liaisons support and facilitate communication with families. We have a number of multilingual support and instructional staff members to support our communication efforts.

Parents are represented on school committees and organizations. We have a parent representative on the Title I District Advisory Council (DAC). Active parent involvement in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is encouraged. Parents are also members of the School Improvement Planning Steering Committee.

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