

Title I Family Involvement Policy For Bucknell 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 that this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. Therefore, Bucknell Elementary School commits to working in partnership with families in the following ways:

- Inform families at Back-to-School Night and maintain a link on school website informing that Bucknell is a Title I School. Use translators at Back-to-School Night, PTA meetings, and Family Curriculum Night events so that families of all languages can understand our purpose. All written communication from PTA and school is translated for parents.
- A parent liaison serves as an interpreter for parent-teacher meetings and conferences. In addition, the Parent Liaison serves to connect parents with resources in the school and community. The Parent Liaison has created a resource handbook for all parents that provides flyers with available community resources. English language classes for parents are offered through the FCPS Office of Adult Education. Maintain a Bucknell Parent Resource Center to build community to support the school's mission.
- Conduct workshops throughout the school year to provide assistance to families in supporting their child's health and academic achievement, such as Parents as Educational Partners (PEP) program, Social Services Night, and grade level curriculum nights. Bucknell Elementary School provides opportunities for the community to celebrate its cultural diversity with events such as Hispanic Heritage Night and Black History Night.
- Collaborate with the PTA to provide opportunities to learn about curriculum, health and safety issues, child development, parenting skills, and community resources at Bucknell Elementary School. Parents are encouraged to join and participate in the PTA.
- Communicate with families on a regular basis regarding their child's progress in school using progress reports, phone calls to home, conferences, and weekly homework.
- Provide school performance profile information and individual assessment results to parents. Assist parents in understanding the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) through newsletters, PTA meetings, and evening programs.
- Parents, students, and school staff will collaboratively develop a School and Home Compact, outlining each party's responsibility for high levels of student performance.
- Parent input for the School Improvement Plan will be sought at PTA meetings and incorporated into the school plan.