

PARENTS/SCHOOLS

Partners in Learning

Success by Eight schools offer learning community options, including full-day kindergarten, multiage classes, multiyear and single grade classrooms. Parents and schools work as partners in maximizing each student's learning through:

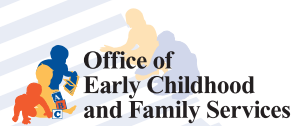
- open communication,
- opportunities for parental involvement,
- and on-going decision making.

Strong family-school connections are a hallmark of Success by Eight schools

"94% of parents reported satisfaction with their child's classroom placement."



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**AN EARLY CHILDHOOD
INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOLS
OF THE 21ST
CENTURY**

**SUCCESS
BY
8**

Fairfax County Public Schools

*"are committed to providing a
gifted-quality education for every
child in a setting appropriate
to his or her needs"*

Initiative

Success by Eight is an Early Childhood Initiative that has been evaluated and proven to improve the teaching and learning of students in grades K-2.

In September 1998, Fairfax County Public Schools launched an innovative initiative, Success by Eight, for primary grades FECEP/Head Start through 2nd grade to promote student success.



Staff development and resources are provided for teachers and staff to implement the Quality Early Childhood Practices, such as, active hands-on learning, frequent assessment of student needs and flexible grouping of

students for instruction based upon their needs and interests. Curriculum objectives are linked to the lives and experiences of the students to facilitate meaningful and relevant learning.



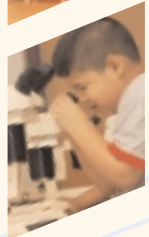
Success by Eight Initiative is designed to provide schools with staff development opportunities and additional resources for implementing a specific set of eight components to prepare students academically.

These eight interrelated components are:

- Learning community options (multiage, multiyear/looping, and single grade configurations)
- Clear Standards and Benchmarks
- School Based Staff Development
- Team Teaching
- Full Day Kindergarten
- Family/School Connections
- Challenging, Complex and Connected Curriculum
- Quality Early Childhood Practices:
 - Active, hands on learning
 - Age and individually appropriate curriculum and instruction
 - Responsiveness to cultural and linguistic diversity
 - Authentic assessment
 - Flexible grouping
 - Differentiated instruction
 - Learning stations
 - Opportunity for choice
 - Meaningful and relevant curriculum
 - A safe and supportive classroom environment

Vision

Fairfax County Public Schools vision is supported by the mission to "educate all students to meet high academic standards and to prepare all students to be responsible citizens in the 21st century."



Goal

Every student in the primary grades will have a customized course of instruction designed to ensure mastery of the Virginia Standards Of Learning.

