



## **Title I Family Involvement Policy for Riverside 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 (SOL).

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

- Recognize that parents are the first and most important teachers and are our partners in education.
- Establish relationships with parents and students during the first month of school.
  - Schedule an open house the Friday before school opens
  - Contact any parents that did not meet at the open house by the end of the first week of school.
- Communicate student progress in school to families on a regular basis using variety of means of communication. Translators will be provided as needed.
- Use Blackboard Connect to remind parents of school events and to share other timely information. Messages will be sent in English, and Spanish.
- Communicate with parents, whenever possible in their home language.
- Utilize the parent liaison to welcome parents in the school, promote the partnership between home and school, and to make families aware of resources in the community.
- Partner with the PTA to provide a variety of Family Night events – Family Picnic, Rocket Bingo, Family Dance, etc.
- Provide the PTA a room to work in to support and promote the partnership between parents and the school.
- Make parents aware of the various ways (telephone, email, notes and letters) that they can communicate with teachers.
- Provide opportunities for parents to volunteer in the school in a variety of ways.
- Keep parents informed about the No Child Left Behind law and the Title 1 program in our school by using a variety of means, including Back-to-School Night, PTA meetings, and in the school newsletter.
- Keep parents informed about Riverside's results on state and local assessments and to assist them in understanding the results.

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- Provide parents information about Virginia's Standards of Learning and Fairfax County Public Schools' Program of Studies curriculum at Back-to-School Night.
- Offer a variety of meetings and workshops, at times convenient to parents, to assist them in learning ways they can support their child's education at home.
- Collaborate with parents on an annual basis to develop and review the effectiveness of our School-Home Compact and Family Involvement Policy. These will be discussed at PTA meetings, Back-to-School Night and published in the school newsletter.
- Provide parents assistance during designated evening hours to register students for after school or summer school programs. Letters about the programs and registration documents will be translated and filled with course recommendations.
- Include a parent representative on the team that develops our School Improvement Plan.
- Collaborate with Fairfax County Public Schools' Family Early Childhood Education Program staff and the Gum Springs Head Start Center to assist preschool students' transition to Kindergarten. Opportunities for teachers to collaborate and students to visit Kindergarten classes will be scheduled.
- Orientations will be held in the spring for parents enrolling children in Kindergarten and for students found eligible for Riverside's Gifted and Talented Center.

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