



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

- Develop a welcoming environment for all families by:
 - Having Signs and posters around the building translated into different languages
 - Bi-lingual office staff will be available to greet families when they come into school
 - Provide translations for all communication home
 - Interpreters will be provided at all school events, parent conferences, and during phone calls home when needed
 - Utilizing the Keep in Touch system to phone families in their native language to keep them informed about important dates and events
 - A parent liaison is available throughout the school day to assist families in communicating with school or to help locate county resources
 - Conduct social events to encourage parent involvement such as the ice cream social and end of year cookout.
- Maintain a Parent Outreach Committee (POC) to plan events and informational workshops to better meet the needs of our parents so they can successfully be involved in their child's education.
- Provide professional development and educational opportunities for the families by:
 - Expanding parenting center to provide more resources for parents to include: educational books and videos and upgraded computers for parents use.
 - Conduct a parent survey each spring to establish parent interest in topics for parenting workshops to be conducted the following year. Conduct monthly parent workshops based on survey results from parents.
- Inform parents at Back-to-School-Night and kindergarten orientation that Timber Lane is a Title I School and distribute the School-Home Compact.
- Hold an annual parent meeting in the fall to explain all of the resources available to us because of our Title I status.

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- Work with the PTA to sponsor an annual International Night for the families and community as an opportunity to celebrate our wonderful diversity
- Encourage parents to become active members of the PTA and volunteer at various school events during the year.
- Provide transportation for families when events occur away from the school such as the faculty basketball game
- Communicate with families on a regular basis regarding their child's progress in school. This communication will include but will not be limited to: parent conferences, grade level newsletters, e-mails, phone calls, interims, and homework planners in grades 3-6.
- Provide parents with school profile information and individual student assessment results on standardized tests such as E-Cart assessments, SOL, DRA, NNAT, and Cogat.
- Develop, in consultation with families, a School/Home Compact, stating what each party will do to share the responsibility for high student achievement. We will review the compact annually with families and staff.
- Have at least one parent on our school plan committee.
- Work with community partners such as the James Lee Community Center to provide additional resources to families.

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