



Title I Family Involvement Policy for Westlawn 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, Westlawn Elementary School commits to working in partnership with families in the following ways:

- **Inform parents about the Title I program and parents' rights to be involved in planning and implementation of the Title I program by: information session at Back to School Night, Use of Title I informational DVD at both Back to School Nights, reports by Title I Parent representative at PTA meetings, use of a computerized call-out system in three languages to inform parents about all parent involvement meetings and all school activities.**
- **Provide written and oral translations services for families by Westlawn's parent liaison staff in Spanish and Vietnamese.**
- **Provide opportunity for parent involvement on School Improvement Plan, Family Involvement Policy and in all similar school based decision making (renovation, School based GT Center)**
- **Communicate with families on a regular basis in regard to their child's academic progress (Interims, report cards, parent/teachers conferences, weekly grade level newsletters).**
- **Communicate with families on a regular basis regarding school activities related to academic progress in principal's newsletter, website, call-out system and PTA newsletter.**
- **Provide school performance profile information and individual assessment results to parents.**
- **Develop in consultation with parents, a School-Home Compact, stating what each party will do to share the responsibility for high student performance. Review the compact annually with families and school staff.**
- **Conduct parent/student workshops to promote understanding of literacy goals and parent involvement in school life. (Partners in Print, Sound Minds/Sound Bodies (math and PE night), Rising Stars, Family Reading Night, Family Health and Safety Night, Early Literacy Initiative, Parent Partners –weekly ESOL parent meeting)**

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- Collaborate with PTA to find out what parents would like to know and do associated with school goals and objectives (monthly meeting with PTA president, parent surveys)
- Conduct ESOL parent class weekly (Parent Partners) to assist parents in understanding the school community and to support their inclusion in matters related to their own children.
- Support Early Childhood parent class for parents with preschool age children.
- Provide evening classes that do not require academic knowledge by parents, making parents feel welcome in our school (Rising Stars, Fall Dance, Sound Minds/Sound Bodies, Family Reading Night, Health and Safety Night).
- Involve parents in as many school initiatives as possible (Courtyard development, Kindergarten Breakfasts, Muffins for Mom, Doughnuts for Dad, Author's Celebrations, Colonial Day, International Night)
- Provide parents access to internet through the Westlawn Internet Café. Run evening Internet Cafe Open House for homework help and internet access.
- Share school wide behavioral practices with parents (Positive Behavior Supports, school wide rules, and 123 Magic positive behavior program).
- Share school data, school goals and district information with parents on a regular basis through PTA meetings and Principal's newsletter, translated into Vietnamese and Spanish.

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