Title I Family Engagement Policy  
Lynbrook Elementary School  
2014-2015

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 the Virginia Standards of Learning. To assure that this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. Therefore, Lynbrook Elementary School commits to work in partnership with families in the following ways:

Welcoming All Families
- Welcome all families as valuable partners in our school learning community.
- Our office team greets and welcomes all families and guests.
- Signs in different languages.

Effective Communication
- Communicate with families frequently throughout the school year regarding their child’s progress in school and provide specific strategies for intervention and support through parent/family conferencing.
- Utilize our parent liaison, Family Learning Center Coordinator and the Keep in Touch (KIT) call out system to support family communications/connections. This is communicated to all families when any translation is needed especially for testing, progress reports and parent questions.
- Provide Interpretation and translation services for school events. Documents will be translated in two common languages at Lynbrook- English and Spanish. Additional translation will be provided as identified.
- KIT, Classroom newsletters are often translated

Volunteering
- Assist in library with reshelving books and assist with all aspects of bookfairs.
- Parent group meets daily to support teacher needs such as cutting, putting materials together (some parents are trained to use copier and workroom equipment)
- Organize (count) and distribute flyers, food bags, miscellaneous to classrooms and teacher mailboxes as needed.
- Assist in cafeteria when needed.
- Make ice bags for health room.
- Parents have created a child-care co-op group to help when they are volunteering in the classrooms.
- Room parents are supporting primary grades.

Supporting Student Success (Learning at Home; Parenting)
- Provide families with timely information to help them understand No Child Left Behind, curriculum, the Virginia Standards of Learning, school performance profile information and individual assessment results.
- Hold an annual meeting at the beginning of the school year in conjunction with our Back to School Night and first PTA meeting, to communicate with families about our Title I program and their right/ expectation for involvement with planning and implementing our Title I program.
- Collaboratively work with families in the Lynbrook Family Learning Center giving families the opportunity to come together frequently to learn, share and support student learning in a safe environment.
• Weekly coffees, different themes shared by counselors, social worker, teachers and administrators
• Develop and implement family learning activities to include Family Literacy and Math Night, Family Summer Fun Learning Night, Family Health and Wellness Day and a variety of workshops to provide information, strategies for learning, and resources to our families to support their child’s academic development and achievement.
• Parents as Educational Partners (PEP) classes for parents
• Rosetta Stone English classes
• Early Literacy and Leadership program
• English conversation classes (with community volunteer)
• HIPPY program
• Computer basics classes
• INOVA-Health and Nutrition classes
• Various evening programs
• Zumba—evening class (provided by county at our school) *Healthy Eating in the Latin Community *FIT RELATIONSHIPS by Federal Leadership Institute*Money Matters by Our Daily Bread

Decision Making/Advocacy
• Develop and implement a School-Home Compact with families, clearly defining what each party specifically will do to share the responsibility for high student expectations and performance. Review the compact annually with families and school staff.
• Involve families in our school community by collaboratively developing our school improvement plan.
• Collaborate with PTA to provide opportunities for learning and advocating for their child’s success in school.

Collaborating with the Community
• Weekend Snack Bags provided by Partner church and NOVA Assistant League Group
• Payless Gift Cards provided by NOVA ALG (shoes)
• St.Mark’s Lutheran Church
• Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
• Trails for Youth.org
• U.S. Marine Corp—volunteer for boys running club, select school functions, gift bags at Christmas to one grade level

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