

TITLE I FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM



Strengthening the Connection for Student Success!



The Hampton City Schools (HCS) Title I Program is dedicated to providing quality education for every student. To accomplish this goal, we strive to develop and maintain partnerships with parents and community members. The HCS Title I Family Engagement Program is committed to engaging parents and community partners in all aspects of children's learning experiences. Students and parents will be provided opportunities to help ensure their child's academic success through the development and enhancement of home and school partnerships.

To ensure effective engagement of parents/guardians, and to support a partnership among the school and community, every Title I school has on staff a Family Engagement Specialist leading the school's Family Engagement Program and managing the Family Resource Center.

This school year we rebranded our program to place emphasis on our efforts to build a virtual component for our program. We introduced our new program's new logo and each FES created a new virtual family resource centers (family engagement website). These virtual Family Engagement Resource Center to provide consistency with support and and to increase our intentional outreach efforts to families and provide a framework to utilize during school closures.



20/21 Title I Family Engagement Initiatives and Projects

- Virtual Family Resource Centers (FES websites)
- Virtual G.R.O.W. Visits & Meetings
- Virtual events and workshops
- Community Engagement: Working Together for Student Success
- Volunteer Programs
- Community Wellness Project: Video Series with Hampton Healthy Families & Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Dr. Steven Constantino's Professional Development Sessions for FES & Action Teams
- Annual Title I Parent & Community Advisory Council Meeting
- Annual Title I Parent Survey

What is a Family Engagement Specialist (FES)?

The Family Engagement Specialist collaborates with the school staff to:

- Plan, coordinate, and implement Family Engagement Program at each Title I school.
- Serve as a liaison and provide support to parents/guardians prior to and/or during school meetings, such as School Intervention Team (SIT) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- Recruit parents and representatives from school, business and community agencies to participate on the school's Action Team for Partnerships.
- Create flyers and other marketing materials to promote events and the Family Resource Center.
- Promote parent and community volunteerism.
- Cultivate community partnerships with faith-based organizations, businesses, and non-profit organizations that offer services to meet the needs of families.
- Conduct G.R.O.W. visits and meetings as a means to build relationships with parents and to provide additional academic support/resources.
- Coordinate family events and parent workshops that support school goals and address key academic areas of focus.

HCS Title I Home & School Compacts

As a requirement of the Title I, Part A guidance, along with the family engagement policy, the Title I Home & School Compact establishes a partnership between educators, parents, and students. For each partner, the compact identifies specific actions that will support students in reaching state proficiency levels. Federal law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds develop and implement a home and school compact.

Our home and schools compacts are grade-level specific, data-driven, and connected to the school's goals. This format focuses on the shared ownership of student achievement and engages all stakeholders in the process of developing an effective compact.

Our compacts:

- Link to the goals of the school's School Learning Plan and grade-level achievement data
- Provide strategies families can use at home to strengthen students' skills
- Are written in a family-friendly language with meaningful input from teachers, families and students

If you have questions or haven't received your school's Home & School Compact or family engagement policy, please contact your school's Family Engagement Specialist.



Our Program Goals

- (1). Provide effective outreach, programs, and activities that engage families and promote student academic and social success.
- (2). Build capacity for school, family, and community engagement using the Five Simple Principles to Engage Every Family framework.
- (3). Connect students and parents to community resources and services.
- (4). Ensure that all Title I schools are in compliance with Section 1118 of ESSA
- (5). Provide ongoing, relevant, data-driven professional development for all stakeholders (school faculty/staff, volunteers, and community partners).
- (6). Governed by the core values of Hampton City Schools, Title I Family Engagement Specialists will exhibit, "integrity, responsibility, innovation, excellence and professionalism."

Did you know....

- That every Title I school district and Title I school is required to have a written family engagement policy developed jointly with, and approved by parents?
- That Title I schools are responsible for holding meetings to discuss family engagement policies, programs, and activities with flexible hours designed to accommodate working parents?
- Parents must be involved in deciding how Title I funds are allotted for family engagement programs and activities?
- The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (formerly known as No Child Left Behind) provides funds for Title I schools to use to help parents/guardians better understand:
 - Virginia's student academic achievement standards,
 - Virginia's student academic assessments, Title I, Part A requirements,
 - How to monitor progress, and
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children?

HCS Title I FES & Family Resource Centers

Ms. Regina Ryan, Aberdeen Elementary - 825-4460
Ms. April Howard, Andrews PreK-8 - 268-3417
Mrs. Diane Campbell, Bassette Elementary - 727-1731
Mrs. Carita Henderson, Booker Elementary - 848-2217
Ms. Helema Vandivier, Bryan Elementary - 727-8626
Mrs. Sybil Gordon, Cary Elementary - 848-2374
Mrs. Val Wolfe, Forrest Elementary - 896-6716
Mrs. Kim Debnam-Tatum, Kraft Elementary - 896-7841
Ms. Diamond Torres, Lindsay Middle - 896-6601
Ms. Adrienne Woods, Machen Elementary - 727-2910
Ms. Tamiko Barnes, Smith Elementary - 850-6898
Mrs. Sheri Anderson, Syms Middle - 848-3131
Mrs. Stephanie Cartwright, Tarrant Middle - 896-7562
Mrs. Amy Killian, Tyler Elementary - 850-5086

*For more information about our Family Resource Centers,
please click the phone on the right.*



How to access School Quality Profile

School Quality Profiles are a new way to look at the performance of Virginia's public schools and factors that can impact student learning and achievement. School Quality Profiles were developed by the state Board of Education in response to the 2015 Virginia General Assembly, which directed the board to redesign online reports for schools and school divisions to more effectively communicate to parents and the public about the status and achievements of Virginia's public schools. School Quality Profiles are available for all schools, school divisions, and for the state.

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