



Sanford Elementary
Title I Family Engagement
Policy
2016-2017



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At Sanford Elementary, a Title 1 school, parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to participate in various activities and engagement options. We believe that active parent/community involvement is essential to ensure student academic success. One of our main focuses is for families to understand the state academic standards and how their students are assessed on these. The following is a list of opportunities/activities for our school:

- Sanford Elementary school staff will work in partnership with parents to engage them in their child's academic and social development. Some examples are: Family Literacy events, Family Math events, and parent conferences. Personalized home visits provided as needed and referral to community events.
- Every year Sanford will have multiple family activities that will be held at the school and in the community. When appropriate community and business partners will assist us in providing these services. Activities will focus on literacy. Parents will receive helpful learning tips and activities to assist their children achieve academic success.
- A communication prompt will be provided monthly to inform parents of all school and district initiatives that are occurring in their child's education. This focus will allow parents to be knowledgeable about what they see their child doing. Our communication prompt can also be accessed through our website (<http://sanford.nn.k12.va.us>).
- Our Lead Team meets monthly. The purpose of the Lead Team is to improve the excellence of teaching and learning in the school, so that the greatest number of students achieve proficiency in the core academic subjects of reading and mathematics. The Lead Team will also discuss and plan ways to engage the school's greater community in designing learning goals and innovative projects which enhance the educational experiences of our students.



- An invitation for family engagement will be offered by the school staff and designated Family Engagement Specialist during Open House, Parent Meetings, and activities throughout the school year. The meetings will be held at flexible times to encourage parent and community involvement. Transportation will be provided when necessary. Additionally, child care may be provided at some events.
 - We provide translation, interpreters, and Language Line services upon request to assist parents with understanding the information related to school programs and parent meetings.
 - Sanford Elementary staff is available to communicate with parents through various methods, including communication prompts, class newsletters, teacher websites, Facebook, notes, phone calls, email, and parent conferences. Parents are invited to provide ongoing input and assist in making decisions regarding their child's education.
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- During designated Parent Meetings parents are provided information regarding the services offered by Title I and the status of their school's accreditation.
 - Parents of incoming kindergarten and outgoing fifth grade students will receive information regarding Kindergarten and Middle School Transition. Information to introduce families to the next step of their child's academic development and answer any questions or concerns that they may have.
 - Parents will participate in an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Title I parental engagement program. The evaluation will include an assessment of how engagement is increasing and what barriers to parental participation still need to be overcome.
 - Each individual classroom has its own method of utilizing parent support depending on the needs of that particular classroom using the NNPS Volunteer Program. Parent/Community volunteers are welcome to participate in the volunteer program at Sanford Elementary.



Sanford Elementary is a Schoolwide Title 1 School

What is Title I?

Title I is a Federal program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). Title I is the funding source from ESEA. It provides money to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. Title I funds must be used in schools with the highest concentration of students from socio-economic backgrounds. Title I reaches about 21 million students in public and private schools throughout the United States. In December of 2015, President Obama signed the ESSA which reauthorizes ESEA and replaces No Child Left Behind. 2016-17 is a year of transition for ESEA to ESSA. ESSA will go into full effect for the 2017-18 school year.

One of the Family Engagement Requirements for a Title I School is:

Each district that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop a written family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations for family engagement. The district policy must be developed jointly with, and agreed upon with, the parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs and distributed to parents of all children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by Sanford Elementary on October 20, 2016 and will be in effect for the period of the 2016-2017 school year. The school will display this policy in a visible location which will allow all parents of participating Title I, Part A children to view it on or before December 16, 2016. The school will provide copies to each parent of a child participating in a Title I, Part A program. Additional copies will be located in the school office and library.

Brian Lieberman

(Signature of Authorized Official)

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Please provide written or verbal comments to your school 's Family Engagement Specialist