



Sanford Elementary  
Title I Family Engagement  
Policy  
2017-2018



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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.
- Every year Sanford will have multiple family activities that will be held in both the school and in the community. When appropriate community and business partners will assist us in providing these services. These activities will focus on various learning areas such as: reading, writing and math. 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 the Title I Family Engagement Specialist during Open House, Back to School Night, 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. We also use social media (Facebook, Twitter and Blackboard Connect) to communicate with parents about our events and about important information.

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- 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.
- During designated Parent Meetings, parents are provided information regarding the services offered by Title I and the status of their school's accreditation. For the complete report go to <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools/sanford-elementary>
- Parents of incoming kindergarten and outgoing fifth grade students will receive information regarding Kindergarten and Middle School Transition (March 22, 2018). The information is designed 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. 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 the funding source from Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) formerly known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). ESSA 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 low income families. Title I reaches about twenty-one million students in public and private schools throughout the United States.

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

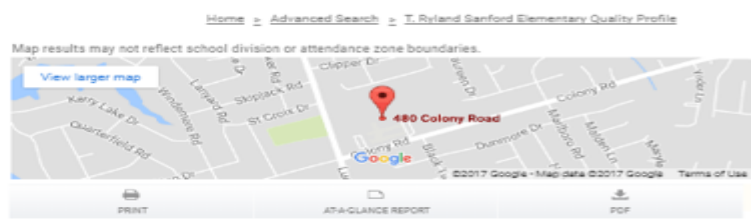
Each district that receives Title I, Part A funds must develop a written family engagement policy that establishes the district's expectations for family engagement. The district policy must be developed jointly with, and agreed upon with, the parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs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



## T. Ryland Sanford Elementary

### GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

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 Address: 480 Colony Road Newport News, VA 23602  
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 Region: 2  
 Division: Newport News City Public Schools  
 Division Website

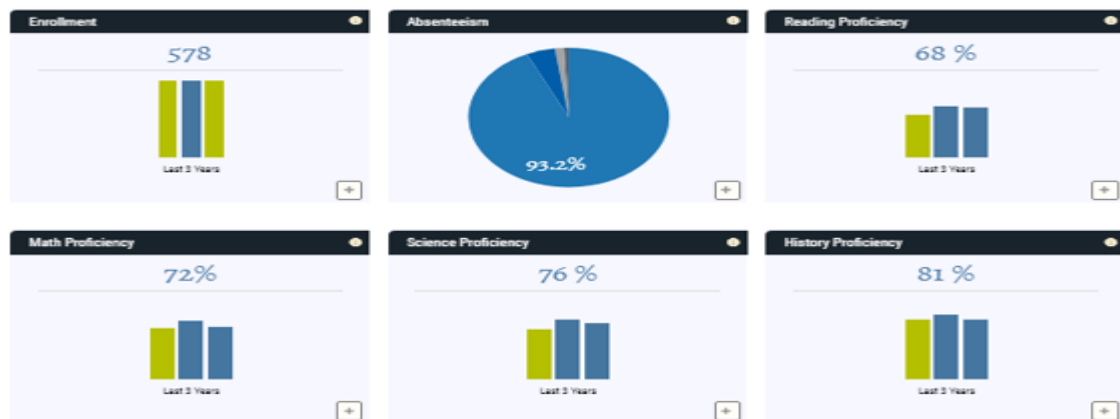


**SNAPSHOT** ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENTS ENROLLMENT FINANCE LEARNING CLIMATE TEACHER QUALITY

STATE ACCREDITATION STATUS ●  
**Partially Accredited:**  
 Reconstituted School

TITLE I IMPROVEMENT STATUS ●  
 Not Applicable

REWARD SCHOOL STATUS ●



For the complete report go to <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools/sanford-elementary>

**If you have specific questions, please speak with Brian Lieberman, Principal @ Sanford.**

This policy was adopted by Sanford Elementary on October 20, 2017 and will be in effect for the 2017-2018 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 November 3, 2017. The school will provide copies to each parent of a child participating in a Title I, Part A program. An additional copy will be located in the school office and library.

*Brian Lieberman*

October 20, 2017

**Contributed to Policy:**

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

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