

School Parent & Family Engagement (PFEP)

Since family support is so critical to student success, Volusia County Schools encourage all families to attend a Title I orientation meeting, offered at the student's school, to learn about the program and the role of parents in the success of their child's education. Parents are encouraged to become engaged in the education of their children at home and school. With input from families, every school that receives Title I funds must develop an annual Parent & Family Engagement Plan (PFEP). This plan outlines how the school will help families support their children's academic success, increase family engagement in school-related activities, and foster communication between the home and school. Research reveals that high student achievement, positive attitudes, and better behavior are closely related to positive family engagement in education.

School – Parent – Student Compact

Each Title I School, in conjunction with parents, develops a School – Parent – Student Compact. A compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. Through the compact, schools and families form a partnership to help children achieve the state's highest standards.

What Parents Can Do to Help Children Thrive at School

As a parent or caregiver, you have a key role in your child's education—you can help bridge your child's transition from home to school, and give him or her the best chance at success in learning and in life. Here are some ways teachers suggest parents can help support their child's success in school:

- Set high expectations for your child.
- Make sure your child is in school every day and on time. Attendance matters!
- Monitor Parent Portal.
- Work collaboratively with your child's teachers and talk to them about goals and expectations for your child.
- Talk to your child each day about what he or she is doing in school and discuss what he or she learned.
- Encourage your child to complete assignments, and see that she or he finishes them.
- Help with time management.
- Encourage independent problem solving.
- Monitor activities such as too much time on social media, TV, video games, text messaging, and phone talk time.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Participate in family engagement and volunteer opportunities.

For a complete list of resources to support your child's success, please access the Parent Checklist.

For a list of the benefits of Parent/ Family Engagement please visit the <u>FLDOE webpage</u>.