



An Achievable Dream Academy  
Title I Family Engagement Policy  
2017-2018



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At An Achievable Dream Academy, 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 engagement is essential to ensure student academic success. One of our main focuses are for families to understand the state academic standards and how their students are assessed on these standards.

*The following is a list of opportunities/activities for our school:*

- An Achievable Dream Academy staff will work in partnership with parents to engage them in their child's academic and social development. Some examples are: workshops, conferences, and community events.
- Every year An Achievable Dream Academy will have family activities that will be held in both the school and the greater community. When appropriate community organizations will partner with us to provide these services. These activities will focus on various learning areas (reading, writing, and math). At times, students will attend with their parents. Parents will receive helpful learning tips and activities to assist their children success in school.
- A newsletter will be provided 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 newsletter can be accessed through our website <http://aadacademy.nn.k12.va.us/documents/newsletter.pdf> Hard copies are available upon request.
- Our Leadership Team meets bi-monthly. The purpose of the School Implementation 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.
- An invitation for family engagement will be offered by the school staff and the designated Family Engagement Specialist during Open House, Parent Meetings, and other 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 evening functions.
- We provide translations, interpreters, and Language Line services to assist parents with understanding the information related to school programs and parent meetings.

***Bienvenido***

- An Achievable Dream Academy staff is available to communicate with parents through various methods, including school and class newsletters, notes home, phone calls to parents, a minimum of twice yearly conferences, and email. Parents are invited to provide input and assist in making decisions regarding their child's education.
- During our designated Parent Meeting, parents are provided with 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/achievable-dream-academy>
- Parents of incoming kindergarten and outgoing fifth grade students are invited to attend a Kindergarten and Middle School Transition (March 22, 2018) information session. These workshops will be held in the Spring and are 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. Volunteers are asked to follow the Newport News Public School District guidelines.

## **An Achievable Dream Academy is a School Wide Title 1 School**

### **What is Title I?**

Title I is the funding source from Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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 parental involvement policy that establishes the district's expectations for parental involvement. 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.



## Achievable Dream Academy

### GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

Category: Elementary (PK-05) School  
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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 ●

Fully Accredited

TITLE I IMPROVEMENT STATUS ●

Not Applicable

REWARD SCHOOL STATUS ●



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If you have specific questions, please speak with Terra Harris, Principal @ Achievable Dream Academy.

This policy was adopted by An Achievable Dream Academy on October 31, 2017 and will be in effect for the period of the 2017-2018. 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 03, 2017. 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.

*Terra Harris*

October 31, 2017

***Contributed to Policy:***

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***Newport News Public Schools Family Engagement Specialists***

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

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