



## Our Vision

A program where all families are valued and have access and equitable opportunities to engage in and support their children’s education. Our goal is to provide tools that empower families and promote the children’s success.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to build culturally responsive connections between families and their children’s schools to ensure equitable and engaging partnerships.

## Our Goals

- To encourage creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork while fostering a love for learning.
- To build a strong bridge between home and school that promotes equitable and culturally responsive partnerships between families and school staff.

- To increase the capacity of families to include tech literacy, language skills, early literacy and others.
- To elevate and affirm each families' culture, language and traditions to encourage a strong sense of identity and belonging among children.
- To empower families to advocate for their children by providing the tools they need to effectively communicate with schools, including understanding family engagement expectations in Fairfax County Public Schools.
- To promote intergenerational activities in the home to strengthen bonds within the family.
- To expand access to resources, experiences, services and programs within FCPS and in the community to foster families' independence.
- To enhance trust and connections among program participants to build community.

## Program Key Components

- **ESOL**  
Beginning-level English instruction for parents focused on learning the language they need to communicate effectively with their children's school and in their community.
- **Families Learning Environments**  
Parents whose children (ages three to five years) attend the Families Learning Environments have opportunities to learn how to support their children's early literacy abilities through class participation and observation. Parents are encouraged to practice the skills learned at home with their children.
- **Family Support**  
Families have an opportunity to participate in family support environments where they build community, learn about services and programs available in FCPS and in their community, and how they can support and engage in their children's education at home and in school.
- **Parent and Child Together (PACT)**  
Through an arts-based approach, families amplify their voice, build cultural capacity and learn the importance of transferring traditions and family history to their children. PACT encourages families to participate in intergenerational project-based learning using storytelling, visual arts and craft-making to pass on traditions that strengthen identity and foster belonging.
- **Enrichment**  
Enrichment classes are designed to create spaces where school-age children can strengthen academic skills and receive home-work support. Through a project-based and intergenerational learning approach, children experience working with peer groups and with adult learners.

## General Information

The Family Literacy program is:

Free to families.

- Offered in two twelve-week semesters.
- Classes meet twice a week for two hours.
- Classes are offered both in-person or virtually.
- The fall semester begins in September and ends in mid December, before FCPS's winter break.

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