

## Who are the Family Liaisons at

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I speak:

My phone number is:

My email:

My office hours:

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### Additional Information:

Office of Professional Learning  
and Family Engagement  
**FAMILY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

### Parent Liaisons Inspire

“The parent liaison is, for parents, the human face of education.”

*A Family Liaison*

“In essence, she is the face of a friend to many parents who otherwise feel disconnected from the school because of a language barrier, a friend to the school staff when they are trying to understand a situation that is perhaps completely tied to culture, and on a larger scale, a friend to society by encouraging the parents to become involved and engaged in their child’s schooling so that future generations will thrive. Simply put, the role of the parent liaisons cannot be understated or underestimated.”

*An Elementary Assistant Principal*



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## FAMILY LIAISONS



**Engage**

**Inspire**

**Thrive**

## Who are Family Liaisons?

Family liaisons are school staff members who work anywhere from 4 hours a week to 40 hours a week. They are knowledgeable about school curricula, child development, family dynamics, district wide programs, services, resources, and community resources. All family liaisons speak English and often speak an additional language. They represent many cultures and ethnicities. Family liaisons support all families and school staff by helping:

- facilitate communication
- build relationships
- make families feel welcome, trusted, and valued
- provide FCPS and human service's resources and information
- encourage family engagement in their children's education
- connect families to what their children are learning
- promote understanding of families' cultural diversity



## Welcome to Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)

When families are engaged in their children's education, the children:

- achieve higher grades
- attend school regularly
- display better social skills
- graduate and pursue post-secondary learning

Children from diverse cultural backgrounds tend to do better when families and professionals collaborate to bridge the gap between the culture at home and the culture at school. The family liaisons help build that bridge. The family liaison connects families to the resources and services they need to thrive.

## What Does a Family Liaison Do?

A family liaison may be found in the front office, a family center, an office, or walking the halls. She or he:

- organizes or facilitates family classes
- arranges for interpreters
- helps report student progress
- explains the school's methods or practices regarding discipline
- leads family coffees on a variety of topics of interest to families
- works collaboratively with school staff including social workers and counselors
- builds families' capacity for leadership

## Families May Contact Family Liaisons For:

- assistance setting up a meeting
- attendance at a meeting
- help completing forms
- help getting an interpreter
- an opportunity just to talk with someone about concerns