



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTAL RESEARCH SCHOOL

FAMU DRS is committed to providing a quality education for students by promoting rigor and innovative strategies for teaching and learning.

Title I, Part A

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Title I Services at FAMU DRS

The Title I, Part A School-wide Program at FAMU DRS provides additional academic support and learning opportunities to help our children master challenging curricula and meet state standards in core academic subjects. A major program goal is to meet the educational needs of low-achieving children (limited English proficient children, migratory children, children with disabilities, Indian children, neglected or delinquent children, and young children in need of reading assistance) to close the achievement gap between high- and low-performing children.

For further information, please visit the Florida Department of Education Office of Title I Programs and Academic Intervention Services:
<http://www.fldoe.org/bsa/title1/>

Parent's Right-to-Know

At Florida A&M University Developmental Research (FAMU DRS) we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the 2017-2017 school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- What are the methods to insure that you are provided information on the level of achievement of your child in each of the State academic assessments.

FAMU DRS Celebrates Dads Take Your Child to School Day (Donuts with Dads)

Father involvement in schools are associated with student improvements in academics, behavior, and social skills.



September at a Glance:

- Labor Day (Sept. 4)
- ACT Administration (Sept. 9)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Begins (Sept. 15)
- Progress Report (Sept 22) – FAMUS.focusschoolsoftware.com
- Open House (Sept. 26 & 28)
- State-wide Father Take Your Child to School Day (Sept. 27)
- College Jam Workshop @ Nefetari's (Sept. 30)

Parent Involvement

Parents are the most powerful influence on a child's success in school. Research shows that a home environment that supports learning is more important to student success than income, education level, or cultural background. Parents, teachers, staff, and community members are members of the team. Let's work together to boost student achievement!

- Attend Open House, Title I parent meetings, and orientation
- Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Participate in workshops and informational meetings
- Volunteer at school and classroom events
- Join any of the school's committees:
 - Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
 - School Advisory Council (SAC)
 - Family Involvement Committee
 - ESOL Parent Leadership Council

There are a variety of ways that you can find out information and communicate with FAMU DRS and your child's teacher(s).

- School website
- Elementary/Secondary Newsletters
- Classroom newsletters
- School marquee
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Online progress reports
- Report cards
- Student planners
- Teacher email, blogs, webpages, and/or telephone
- FOCUS parent portal
- Schoology
- Edmodo
- ClassDojo

Please visit www.famudrs.org for membership information. You may also view our school marquee for meeting days and times.

What is the SPAR?

Florida's School Public Accountability Reports (SPAR) has been generated to comply with federal legislation that requires annual report cards on the educational progress of schools, school districts, and the state. These reports are initially published prior to the beginning of the school year. The School Public Accountability Report contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets public reporting requirements and provides certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools.

To see the SPAR report for FAMU DRS, Please visit:
<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) is a state-funded instructional program for eligible English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12. ESOL is designed to meet the diverse needs of English language learners (ELLs) who come from home environments in which the native language is other than English. The goal of our ESOL Program is to ensure that students of limited English proficiency, receive comparable and comprehensible instruction. The legal foundation for the requirements for teaching English language learners (ELLs) in Florida is based on the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) et al. vs. The State Board of Education (SBE) et al. Consent Decree (1990).

Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

FAMU DRS will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by donating gently used clothes and new packs of socks and undergarments to victims of the recent natural disasters in Mexico and Puerto Rico. Please drop off your donations in your building office.

T-shirts are on sale starting at \$6 and can be worn on **Wednesday, October 11th** during the school-wide Hispanic Heritage Month celebration (class presentations).

Breast Cancer Awareness



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Breast cancer screening means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before she has any symptoms. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

The Fall Title I Parent Meeting- **PINK OUT** is scheduled for Monday, October 9th (6pm) in the cafeteria. We ask for each person to wear PINK to the Title I meeting. We will make available breast cancer awareness information (FAMU Health Center, etc). We will kick-off our Relay for Life campaign (please bring \$1 donations).

Can't afford a mammogram? If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 40 and 64, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. To learn more, call (800) CDC-INFO.

What to Expect in October:

- DRS Fall Title I Parent Meeting (Oct. 9)
- Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration (Oct. 11)
- End of First Nine Weeks (Oct. 12)
- Teacher Planning Day (Oct. 13)
- Muffins with Mom (Oct. 16)
- Jumpstart's Read for the Record (Oct. 19)
- DRS Homecoming Week (Oct. 23-27)
- ACT Administration (Oct. 28)
- Rattler-O-ween (Oct. 31)

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