For More Information

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About Us

The ELL Outreach Team is part of the Office of School & Family Partnerships and provides support services and programs for international and English Language Learner (ELL) families.

Check out our AACPS-TV shows on...

Broadstripe • Channels 96 & 496 (HD)  
Comcast • Channel 96 & 996 (HD)  
Verizon • 36 & 1961 (HD)
For International Families...

Bilingual Facilitators
AACPS has a team of Bilingual Family & Community Outreach Facilitators (Bilingual Facilitators) who speak a number of languages. Some of their day-to-day duties include:

- Providing access and equity for international students & families
- Explaining school programs, policies, and procedures
- Providing guidance with emergency situations including homelessness, health crises, etc.
- Translating school-based documents
- Interpreting at parent/teacher conferences
- Community outreach

To find out bilingual facilitator school assignments, visit http://aacpsschools.org/family/elloutreach/.

Programs

- **Workshops & Events**
  These opportunities provide parents with information on how to support their children, particularly in the areas of literacy and math.

- **International Parent & Community Leadership Academy**
  International parents may apply to participate in this six-week academy that is held each spring.

- **International Parent & Community Advisory Board**
  This group of diverse parents provides input to AACPS leadership regarding the needs of their respective international communities.

- **Hispanic Women’s Day**
  The purpose of the event is to educate and inspire Hispanic women, so they may provide better care for their children and families.

- **International Family Orientations**
  These orientation workshops are held in collaboration with the International Student Services Office.

For School Staff...

Professional Development & Training

- Workshops on how to engage international families
- Resources for staff working with international families individually or in programs
- E-mail newsletters for staff on international parent involvement activities

For Families and School Staff...

School-Community Partnerships

- Three AACPS-TV shows geared towards international parents or topics (two in Spanish)
- Collaboration with immigrant community organizations and religious institutions
- Collaboration with “mainstream” community organizations to best serve international families
- “Community Conversations” between AACPS and community partners on various topics relevant to international communities
- Connections and partnerships with state level organizations (e.g. the Governor’s ethnic commissions, etc.)
- Participation in the Maryland ELL Family Involvement Network (MELLFIN)