

just the **FAQs**

answers to frequently asked questions

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Parent-Teacher Resource Center

What is the Parent-Teacher Resource Center?

Chesterfield County Public Schools provides a Parent-Teacher Resource Center to strengthen connections among home, school and community. The center helps parents participate fully and effectively in their children's educational development and helps teachers gain knowledge about diverse learners and other topics.

The resource center helps Chesterfield County Public Schools move toward achieving the goals of its Design for Excellence strategic plan:

Goal 1. Academic excellence for all students

Goal 2. Safe, supportive and nurturing learning environments

Goal 3. Knowledgeable and competent workforce

Goal 4. Community investment

Where is the resource center?

Located at the Fulghum Center, 4003 Cogbill Road, the Parent-Teacher Resource Center is open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is also open by appointment in the evenings.

The staff includes a special/general education teacher and a parent with experience in special and general

education services. Staff members

- ▶ help build a positive working relationship between home and school
- ▶ promote understanding of laws and responsibilities related to educating children
- ▶ help parents and schools communicate effectively about the individual needs of children
- ▶ help parents make informed decisions
- ▶ connect parents and schools with community resources

If I visit the center, what will I find?

The Parent-Teacher Resource Center sponsors workshops on various topics, provides consultations in the office or over the phone, compiles information packets on a variety of subjects and operates a lending library of educational and parenting resources.

Much of what the center offers can be found online: list of tutors, student profile forms, parent support groups, links to community resources and a catalog for the lending library. To virtually visit the Parent-Teacher Resource Center, go to chesterfield.k12.va.us, then click "parents/students" at the bottom of the homepage.



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What types of workshops does the resource center offer?

Designed to promote communication and student success, workshops are free and open to all Chesterfield County residents. Topics include

- ▶ parenting strategies
- ▶ surrogate parenting
- ▶ transitions from birth to adulthood
- ▶ connections between home and school
- ▶ working with diverse learners
- ▶ academic strategies
- ▶ homework and organizational strategies
- ▶ motivation and self-advocacy
- ▶ discipline and behavior strategies
- ▶ technology in education
- ▶ understanding special education

Most workshops take place at the resource center. Call 279-7311 or check the web site for workshop dates and times.

What is available from the library?

The library of the Parent-Teacher Resource Center contains current educational and parenting resources. The online catalog lets site visitors type in a keyword — such as homework or college or whatever topic they are interested in — to view a list of the books and videos available. Chesterfield residents may reserve an item online and arrange to have it sent to their neighborhood school or pick it up from the resource center. Call 279-7311 to obtain a patron ID number, which is required to check out items.

For more information

To learn more, call the resource center at 279-7311 or go online to chesterfield.k12.va.us, then click “parents/ students” at the bottom of the homepage. Another way to receive information is to return the form at the bottom of this page. Resource center staff members may also be contacted by e-mail:

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- ▶ leslie_mcclain@ccpsnet.net
- ▶ dana_gatto@ccpsnet.net

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Communicate with the Parent-Teacher Resource Center

Please contact me! I would like to learn more about

- special education procedures
- becoming a surrogate parent
- IEP/504 information
- transitions from birth to adulthood
- parent-school communication
- parent-child communication
- discipline and self-esteem
- homework and organizational strategies
- academic resources and strategies
- other _____

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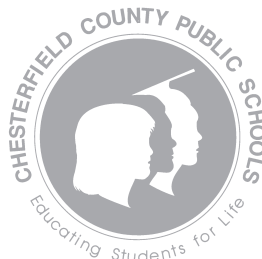
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E-mail _____

I am a parent educator other

Child's school and grade _____



**Return this form to the
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4003 Cogbill Road, Richmond, VA 23234**