

Sample Secondary School Compact

Compacts are voluntary agreements between families and schools. This compact represents one example of what a family-school compact could look like for a magnet or charter school where families and their students have voluntarily decided to participate in the school. Schools and districts may use this compact to develop a local compact.

Our school philosophy as an alternative school is that families, students, and school staff should work in partnership to help each student reach his/her potential. As partners we agree to the following:

As a student I will:

- Believe that I can learn and will learn.
- Read for at least 30 minutes, five days a week.
- Come to class on time, ready to learn and with assignments completed.
- Set aside time every day to complete my homework.
- Know and follow the school and class rules.
- Follow the school's uniform dress code.
- Regularly talk to my parents and my teachers about my progress in school.
- Respect my school, classmates, staff, and family.
- Ask for help when I need it.

Student signature

As a parent/guardian or family member I will:

- Talk to my child regularly about the value of education.
- Communicate with the school when I have a concern.
- Monitor TV viewing and make sure that my child reads every day.
- Make sure that my child attends school every day, on time, and with homework completed.
- Support the school's discipline and uniform dress code.
- Monitor my child's progress in school.
- Make every effort to attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, Open House and Back-to-School Night.
- Ensure that my child gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- Participate in school, home, and community-sponsored activities to meet my agreed-upon responsibility of 40 hours a year.
- Participate in shared decision making with school staff and other families for the benefit of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Family member signature

As a teacher I will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- Communicate high expectations for every student.
- Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- Teach and involve students in classes that are interesting and challenging.
- Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Enforce rules equitably and involve students in creating a warm and caring learning environment in the class.
- Communicate regularly with families about their child's progress in school.
- Provide assistance to families on what they can do to support their child's learning.
- Participate in shared decision making with other school staff and families for the benefit of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

Teacher signature

We make a commitment to work together to carry out this agreement.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20__.