

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

The following requirements have been outlined in the United States Code (20 USC 6318[d][1-2]). Please include the following phrases in the School-Parent Compact.

The School-Parent compacts that are jointly developed and distributed to parents describes:

- ◆ The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- ◆ The parents' responsibility to support their children's learning.
- ◆ The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through, at a minimum, annual conferences, reports on student progress, access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer and observe the educational program.

Purpose of a School-Parent Compact

- ◆ Identifies the activities that the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will undertake to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- ◆ Outlines the activities that the parents, school staff, and students will undertake to build and develop a partnership to help the children achieve high academic standards.

Suggested Process for Developing School-Parent Compacts

- ◆ Review the District goals.
- ◆ Ask what YOU should do to help children meet the goals. Ask what OTHERS should do.
- ◆ Focus on issues raised in discussions of parent involvement and student achievement, such as: homework, communication, and behavior. For each one, list what parents, teachers, and students can do.
- ◆ Draw up a draft, with no more than 10 items for each.

The following pages contain sample statements that have been compiled from various sources.



GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Morningside Elementary
School-Parent Compact**

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009

It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards. Through a process that included teachers, families, students, and community representatives, the following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success in school.

Morningside Elementary and the parents agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State’s high standards.

School Pledge

We, the school staff, will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction and support children’s learning and agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of our ability:

- Understand the importance of ongoing communication between parents and the school through, at a minimum, annual conferences, reports on student progress, staff will be available to parents, parental opportunities to volunteer, participate, and observe the educational program.
- Send home learning materials in math and reading.
- Continually work on teaching strategies so that staff can successfully teach all children.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- Motivate students to learn.
- Actively participate in collaborative decision-making and consistently work with families and school colleagues to make the school an accessible and welcoming place for families, helping each student achieve the school’s high academic standards.
- Communicate that college is in their future.
- Monitor educational progress, be involved in goal setting, and encourage accountability for these goals.
- Encompass each student’s unique learning abilities and how they can contribute to society in the future.
- Collaborate with peers to ensure needs of all students are addressed.
- Provide a safe environment

Parent Pledge

We, as parents, will support our child’s learning and agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of our abilities:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- Provide a quiet time and place for homework. Make sure the homework is completed.
- Monitor the amount and selection of television programs my child watches and use of telephone/cell phone, computer and video games.
- Read with or read to my child 20 minutes a day.
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child’s education.
- Stay informed about my child’s education and communicate with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the district and responding as appropriate.
- Communicate with the teacher or the school when I have a concern...
- Support the classroom and school discipline plan.
- Know my child’s grade level, teacher name, and classroom number.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.

Student Pledge

I, as a student, will take responsibility for my learning and agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.
- Come to school ready to learn and work hard.
- Bring necessary materials, completed assignments, homework and turn them in when it is due.
- Know and follow school and classroom rules.
- Limit my TV watching and telephone/cell phone, computer and video game usage, and instead, study or read every day after school.
- Leave personal items unrelated to school at home.

Signatures:

_____ School

_____ Parent(s)

_____ Student

_____ Date

_____ Date

_____ Date