

**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
PATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Patton School-Parent-Student Compact
For the School Year 2009-2010

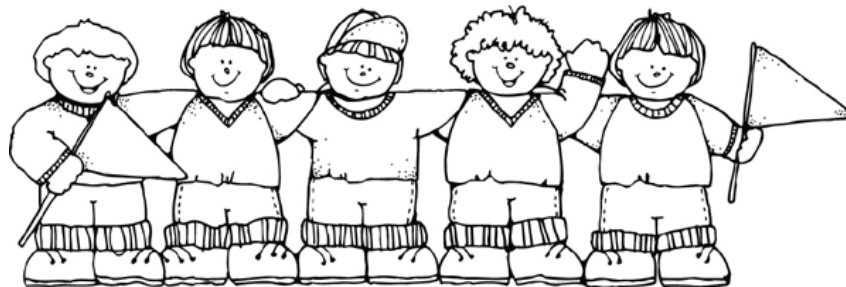
It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic standards. Through a process that included teachers, families, students, and community representatives, the following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support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

Patton School 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, access to staff, and opportunities to volunteer and participate in and observe the educational program.
- ◆ Create a partnership with every family.
- ◆ Monitor student progress and update parents regularly.
- ◆ Explain approaches to teaching, expectations, and grading system to students and their families.
- ◆ Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- ◆ Continue to refine teaching strategies to meet the needs of all students.
- ◆ Provide meaningful, daily homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning (30 minutes for grades 1-3 and 60 minutes for grades 4-6).
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Monitor educational progress, be involved in goal setting, and encourage accountability for these goals.
- ◆ Collaborate with my colleagues to ensure we are addressing the needs of all students.



Together we can make a difference.

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 on time every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- ◆ Provide a quiet time and place for homework and make sure the homework is completed.
- ◆ 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, either received by my child or by mail, listening to Teleparent messages, and responding, as appropriate.
- ◆ Read with or read to my child 20 minutes a day.
- ◆ Communicate with the teacher or the school when there is a concern.
- ◆ Regularly monitor my child's progress in school.
- ◆ Communicate the importance of education and learning with my child.
- ◆ Set high expectations for my child.
- ◆ Support the school discipline plan.
- ◆ Know my child's academic strengths and needs, and support my child in meeting district goals.

Student Pledge

I, the 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 assistance.
- ◆ Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time.
- ◆ Give my parents or guardians all notices and information I receive from school every day.
- ◆ Let my teacher and family know if I need help.
- ◆ Write down assignments, do my homework every day, and turn it in when it's due.
- ◆ Come to school on time and ready to learn and work hard.
- ◆ Bring necessary materials, completed assignments, and homework.
- ◆ Know and follow school and classroom rules and follow the school discipline plan.
- ◆ Communicate regularly with my parents and teachers about school experiences so that they can help me be successful in school.

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Signatures

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Student _____ Room # _____ Date _____

Please sign and return to your child's teacher.