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This compact was **jointly developed** by parents and school staff and outlines **how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement** and how parents will help develop a partnership to help children achieve the State’s high standards.

**Student Agreement**

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I will strive to do the following:

* Attend school on time, ask questions and participate and listen in class.
* Wear uniform every day.
* Take home written notices, signed papers and report cards promptly and return as requested.
* Complete and return homework assignments on time and in a neat fashion.
* Read independently or to an adult 15 minutes a day.
* Follow the Student Code of Conduct, by respecting myself, authority, and others at all times.

**Parent/Guardian Agreement**

I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

* Make sure that my child is punctual and attends school regularly.
* Dress my child in the appropriate uniform daily.
* Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline by teaching my child to respect authority and the property of others.
* Establish a time and place for homework and review it daily.
* Develop a partnership with the school to help my child achieve the State’s high standards.
* Encourage my child’s efforts and be available for questions.
* Stay aware of what my child is learning by communicating in an on-going manner with the teacher and my child.
* Listen to my child read for 15 minutes every day.
* Ensure that my child remains in school for the entire day.
* **Volunteer, participate and observe in my child’s class**.
* **Support my child’s learning** by ensuring proper nutrition and sleep daily.

**Teacher Agreement**

It is important that students achieve. Therefore, I will strive to do the following:

* Provide relevant, interactive homework assignments Monday-Thursday, to enrich student learning.
* Provide all parents opportunities to be involved in the school and their child’s education.
* Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with the assignments.
* Provide **frequent student progress to parents**.
* Use special activities and projects in the classroom to help make learning enjoyable.
* Provide quality teaching and leadership to students and their families.
* Establish weekly communication for my students and their families. (Ex. folders, e-mail, newsletters and/ or telephone calls)

**School/Principal Agreement**

I support this form of parental involvement. Therefore, I will strive to do the following:

* **Hold parent-teacher conferences** at least once annually in which the **school-parent compact is discussed**.
* Provide parents with appropriate **access to staff.**
* Develop partnerships with parents and provide an environment that fosters the **importance of teacher/parent communication**.
* Encourage teachers to regularly provide homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction.
* Provide **high-quality curriculum, instruction** and learning opportunities in a **supportive and effective learning environment** that enable the children to meet and exceed the State’s academic achievement standards.
* Allocate resources to ensure high standards can be met.
* Establish a strong discipline policy to reinforce the student code of conduct.
* Encourage respect among the students, faculty, and parents.

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