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SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The Washington Borough School District and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), 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.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2021-2022.

School Responsibilities

The Memorial and Taylor Street Schools will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards. The Warren Hills Cluster continues to diligently work to ensure curricula are aligned to the New Jersey Learning Standards. Professional Development opportunities for staff members focus on tracking student achievement as outlined by Learning Sciences International and the Marzano Framework. Supplemental services are provided in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy for at-risk students as defined by district and state standards.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Parent-teacher conferences will be held November 1st through 3rd and February 17 and February 18 during the 2021-2022 academic year.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Report cards are issued to parents on four occasions throughout the school year. Progress monitoring is provided to parents during parent-teacher conferences.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents before and after regular school hours. Parent-teacher conferences are offered to parents in the evening, if necessary. Parents are invited to conference with teachers in individual classrooms at the school of attendance or via phone conference.
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to sign-up to participate in special classroom activities throughout the school year pending health and safety restrictions. Students and parents are encouraged to participate in many co-curricular events such as the district's STEAM Night, Speech and Drama Festival, Storytelling Book Review Festival, TV Commercial and Announcing Festival, Forensics Tournament, Drama Club presentations. Parents are offered the opportunity to volunteer and participate in all events. Information regarding all events is posted on the district website and in the weekly publication of the Our Schools' Bulletin. Health and safety restrictions may impact the scheduling of extra curricular events.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Monitoring the amount of television and screen time.
- Volunteering in my child's classroom.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Improvement Team, the Title I Policy Advisory Committee; the District wide Policy.
- Ensuring my child arrives at school on-time.

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Read nightly for an age appropriate length of 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.

The Washington Borough School District will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the district's parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of any school wide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.
4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
5. Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
6. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
7. Provide to each parent individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.
8. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve the State's high academic standards, the Washington Borough School District will:

1. Recommend to the local educational agency (LEA), the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State's Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.
2. Notify parents of the school's participation in supplemental programming operating within the school.
3. Work with the LEA in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.
4. Work with the LEA to ensure that a copy of the SEA's written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.