

GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY
School-Parent Compact
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018

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.

Sunnyside 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 high academic 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 my 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.**
- ◆ Get to know family members by name.
- ◆ Report absences and tardiness promptly.
- ◆ Create a partnership with every family in my class.
- ◆ Monitor student progress in reading and math.
- ◆ Make sure all students get help as soon as needed.
- ◆ Send home learning materials in math and reading.
- ◆ Explain my approach to teaching, expectations, and grading system to students and their families.
- ◆ Continually refine teaching strategies to successfully teach all children.
- ◆ Assign work that is relevant and meaningful
- ◆ Make sure students understand the assignment, what they'll learn from it, and provide feedback
- ◆ Maintain regular communication concerning academic progress.
- ◆ Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- ◆ 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 my school colleagues to make the school an accessible and welcoming place for families, helping each student achieve high academic standards.
- ◆ Communicate that college is in each child's future and emphasize the opportunities that college will offer.
- ◆ Encourage student accountability and responsibility toward learning goals.

- ◆ Encompass each student's unique learning abilities and communicate ways to contribute to society in the future.
- ◆ Accept and ask for parent involvement in addressing student challenges.
- ◆ Collaborate with colleagues to ensure that the needs of all learners are addressed.
- ◆ Provide website information or a place for parents to feel welcome to communicate their concerns with parents and school administration.

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 on time, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- ◆ Provide a quiet time and place for homework and check for completion.
- ◆ Monitor television viewing and monitor extracurricular time.
- ◆ Participate in school activities (volunteer, PTA, attend school related functions, Parent Education Opportunities, School Site Council, and/or parent advisory committees).
- ◆ Attend parent, teacher conferences, Back to School Night, and Open house.
- ◆ Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- ◆ Stay informed about my child's education.
- ◆ Read all correspondence from the school and respond as appropriate. (Read through Wednesday Folders)
- ◆ Provide a 20 minute daily reading opportunity.
- ◆ Help my child utilize reading and math skills to pursue his/her interests and goals.
- ◆ Communicate with the teacher or the school when I have a concern.
- ◆ Regularly monitor my child's progress in school.
- ◆ Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child.
- ◆ Set high expectations for my child and discuss plans for college in the future.
- ◆ Support the school discipline plan.
- ◆ Participate in open communication with my child's teacher and be able to share concerns related to my child's learning.
- ◆ Know my child's grade level, teacher name, and classroom number.

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:

- ◆ Come to school each day on time and prepared to learn and work hard.
- ◆ Maintain high goals and expectations for my own learning.
- ◆ Complete my homework every day and turn it in.
- ◆ Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time.
- ◆ Practice reading and math skills to ensure mastery.
- ◆ Let my teacher and family know if I need help.
- ◆ Write down assignments.
- ◆ Facilitate ongoing communication between my parents and the school.
- ◆ Limit my TV watching and telephone/cell phone usage.
- ◆ Follow the school rules and discipline plan.
- ◆ Avoid bringing personal items that are not school related.

School

Parent(s)

Student

Date

Date

Date