



School-Parent Compact

School Year: 2020 - 2021
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of the McCloskey School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. This year, that parent input meeting was held on May 11, 2020. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I program, policies, and family engagement.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ANCHOR GOALS:

1. 100% of students will graduate, ready for college and career.
2. 100% of 8-year-olds will read on grade level.
3. 100% of schools will have great principals and teachers.
4. SDP will have 100% of the funding we need for great schools, and zero deficit.

John F. McCloskey GOALS:

- At least 60% of students will attend school 95% of days or more.
- At least 70% of Kindergarten students and 50% of 1st and 2nd-grade students will score at the target by the Spring aimswebPlus assessment.
- At least 60% of students in grades 4-5 will score at grade level by the Spring aimswebPlus assessment.
- At least 75% of students in grades 6-8 will earn As and Bs in all core courses.
- At least 90% of students in grades 6-8 will have zero out-of-school suspensions.

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The McCloskey School will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff.
- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.
- Host Family Literacy/Math Night events where families will receive strategies for at-home activities.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Monitor attendance.
- Make sure that homework is completed, checked and signed.
- Monitor the amount of television my child watches.
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate 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.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Arrive on time and be prepared to participate in lessons.
- Follow school rules.
- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or guardian all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

McCloskey School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Monthly calendars
- Periodic flyers/letters sent home
- Phone calls/robocalls
- School Website
- Parent and Family Portal Workshops
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Scheduled parent meeting with staff
- Communication Folders
- Monthly SAC Meetings
- Monthly Coffee with the Principal

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

McCloskey School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- Back to School event
- Kindergarten Open House
- Monthly School Advisory Council meetings
- Parent/Family workshops
- Fall, Winter, Spring Title I Parental Input Meeting
- Volunteer Orientation and volunteer opportunities
- Parent and Family Resource Table across from the Main Office
- School Tours
- Realtor Tours
- Various school-wide events such as the art show, field day, etc
- Fox Chase Farms
- Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church
- Mt. Airy Education Coalition
- Darrick Bernard Clark Foundation
- Bushfire Theatre of the Performing Arts