

W. S. Neal Middle School School-Parent Compact

W. S. Neal Middle School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (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 2017-2018.

School Responsibilities

W. S. Neal Middle School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
 - Present a sound curriculum that will prepare students to be productive citizens of the 21st century.
 - Nurture students' creative and critical thinking with curriculum standards set forth in each subject taught.
 - Address individual learning styles of students through a variety of classroom strategies and teaching techniques.
 - Challenge each student to attain proficiency in each subject area and provide continual support to help them achieve this goal.
 - Work together with students, parents, and the community in a united effort to provide the best possible education for our students.

- 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. Specifically these conferences will be held:**

October 12, 2017 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and March 15, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically the school will provide reports as follows:**

Progress reports will be sent home during the middle of each nine weeks. Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks.

- 4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:**

At W. S. Neal Middle School we have an open-door policy. Parents may visit our school at any time. The principal and assistant principal are accessible any time. Teachers are accessible by appointment.

- 5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities as follows:**

Parents are allowed and encouraged to volunteer in specific classes (such as the library) or at school. Parents are welcome to observe their child's classroom activities.

- 6. Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.**

Information will be given to parents through a weekly syllabus on the school's website, weekly e-mails, the school website, and/or letters home to parents. Information will also be posted on the school's Facebook page. The school will use any resource available to ensure that information that is sent home will be written in a language that family members can understand. Parents are encouraged to communicate with the school staff through phone calls, texting, e-mails and/or by coming to the school.

Parent Responsibilities

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

- Monitoring attendance
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Monitoring the amount of television our child watches.
- Volunteering at my child's school
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.

- Staying informed about my child’s education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on advisory groups, such as Title I advisory committees and parent and family engagement committees.
- Promoting positive use of my child’s extracurricular time.
- Send my child to school, ready to learn, with appropriate school supplies.
- Participate in PTO meetings and educational workshops held at my child’s school.
- Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper behavior and discipline.

Student Responsibilities

As a student I will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve the State’s high standards. Specifically, I will:

- 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 the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.
- Be a good citizen and obey all classroom and school rules.
- Avoid behaviors that keep my classmates and me from learning.
- Respect the privacy and property of others.

School Representative Signature

Parent Signature(s)

Student Signature

Date

Date

Date