



New York State Parental Information and Resource Center

Technical Assistance Guide

An Overview of School-Parent Compacts

School-Parent Compacts

The school-parent compact is a written agreement between teachers and parents. It is a document that clarifies what families and schools can do to help children reach high academic standards.

Every school receiving Title I funds must develop a compact.

Benefits to Schools

A compact provides the opportunity for developing strong school-family partnerships. These partnerships can: improve school programs and the school climate, increase the skills and leadership abilities of parents, and help improve the school's overall academic performance.

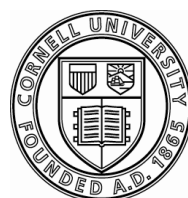
The New York State Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) are available to provide information and technical assistance. For school-parent compact templates, visit us on the web at www.nyspirc.org.

What must a school-parent compact include?

- A description of the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet state academic achievement standards.
- A description of the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning. For example, monitoring attendance, monitoring screen time and participating in decisions relating to the education of their children.
- A description of the school's dedication to the importance of communication between teachers and parents on a continuous basis. This communication should include plans for at least one parent-teacher conference and frequent reports home to parents on their children's progress.

School-Parent Compact Facts

- The compact must outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.
- **Parents of Title I students are required to participate in the development and design of the compact.**
- Compacts are developed to reflect the needs and culture of the students home and community including language that is understandable.
- The compact is part of the school's written parental involvement policy developed by the school and parents.
- The compact should be evaluated annually for effectiveness.



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Template for a School-Parent Compact

This compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students of **name of school** will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's highest standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year_____.

School Responsibilities

The **name of school** will:

1. Describe how the school will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction, and do so in a supportive and effective learning environment.
2. Describe when and how the school will provide reports to parents.
3. Describe when, where, and how staff will be available for consultation with parents.
4. Describe when and how parents may volunteer, participate, and observe classroom activities.

Parent Responsibilities

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

(Describe the ways in which parents will support their children's learning, such as:)

- Monitoring attendance
- Making sure that homework is completed
- Monitoring amount of television my child watches
- 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

Student Responsibilities

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

(Describe the ways in which students will support their academic achievement, such as:)

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school
- Give to my parents and guardians all notices and information received by me from my school every day

The school, every parent and every student needs to sign the School-Parent compact.

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