What is a School-Parent Compact?

The School-Parent Compact is a voluntary agreement between the school and the parents of the children at that School. A compact outlines how parents, the school staff and students will share responsibility for improved student achievement in meeting the Learning results.

Compacts begin with
- standards;
- are a process;
- define everyone's responsibilities;
- and depend on many people believing and using it.

Ketelsen Elementary
School-Parent Compact

In an effort to build and develop a strong and responsible partnership that will help Title 1 children achieve the state's high academic standards, a compact is agreed upon.

School Pledge

The entire staff of Ketelsen Elementary School pledges to invite all parents to Open House and an individual Parent Conference at which time a school-parent compact will be agreed upon and information on parent-teacher conferences and student and school profiles will be discussed. Parent training in ways parents can learn how to help improve student achievement and give meaningful input into the planning design and implementation of the Title I program also will be shared in the language spoken by the majority of the parents.

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Student Pledge
1. I pledge to come to school on time every day unless I am ill.
2. I pledge to enter my school and my classroom ready to perform the tasks that my teacher asks of me.
3. I pledge not to disturb my classmates.
4. I pledge to complete all homework by making sure I understand the assignment before I leave school.
5. I pledge to have someone at home review my work when I have finished.
6. I pledge to read something every day.
7. I pledge to spend less time watching television than I spend on reading homework and talking with family and friends.
8. I pledge to do something for someone else at least once a day.
9. I pledge to be respectful to my teachers and school staff.

Parent Pledge
1. I pledge to do all that I can to see that my child attends school and is on time each day unless he/she is ill.
2. I pledge to communicate to my child that I expect him/her to be self-disciplined and to give others the same respect he/she expects from them.
3. I pledge to ask my child if he/she homework each day and to review it with him/her when it is complete.
4. I pledge to ask my child what he/she has read or plans to read each day. I also plan to let my child see me reading for pleasure.
5. I pledge to spend time listening to and talking with my child on a one-to-one basis each day.
6. I pledge to help my child do something for someone else at least once per school year.
7. I pledge to visit my child’s school to conference with his/her teachers, to get involved as much as possible, and to learn what the school is trying to do for my child.
8. I pledge to encourage other families to become involved with the school.
9. I pledge to praise my child often. (Even if the outcome is not successful. I will encourage him/her for making the effort.)
10. I pledge to give my child as many opportunities to make decisions as possible (based on age and level of maturity).

School Pledge
1. We pledge to show respect to your child and each other so that all students can have a positive school experience each day.
2. We pledge to notify you of all occurrences that we believe may have contributed to any negative school experiences for your child.
3. We pledge to offer activities that are aimed at improving student achievement for both your child and you.
4. We pledge to assign homework a maximum of four days per week and to give feedback on these assignments as often as possible.
5. We pledge to make ourselves available for a scheduled conference with you a minimum of once per year and to announce/communicate our weekly conference time.
6. We pledge to provide opportunities for parents to attend school activities; give input into school operations; and evaluate the school’s performance on achieving Title I goals for parental involvement.
7. We pledge to give you timely reports on your child’s progress and discuss with you what you can do to help us improve your child’s learning.
8. We pledge to do more each year to help you help us to build a more effective home/school partnership.
9. We pledge to keep you informed of school/district/community activities that we feel help you become a more effective participant in school/home learning.
10. We pledge to do all we can do to have parents realize that we have an “open door” policy, and that YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!