

# Parent Involvement

## School Level School-Parent Compact

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* requires Title I schools to develop a school-parent compact that specifies mutual responsibilities regarding the educational program for students. The compact defines goals, expectations, and shared responsibilities of schools and parents as equal partners for student learning.

**The following is a sample of a school level School-Parent Compact.**

### School-Parent Compact

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective schools are a result of families and school staff working together to ensure that children are successful in school. A compact is a voluntary agreement between these groups that firmly unites them. You are invited to be involved in this partnership.

Shared Responsibilities for:	School Staff	Parent	Student
<b>Having high achievement expectations</b>	As a school, we expect all students to meet or exceed the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) grade level standards and the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum (VCS). We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• review assessment results to determine strengths and needs of students</li> <li>• plan instruction that helps to improve students' academic success</li> <li>• give students many opportunities to show what they know</li> <li>• give students timely feedback</li> <li>• help students succeed in all academic areas</li> </ul>	As a parent, I will support education and believe that my child can reach high goals. I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk to my child about what is happening in school and the importance of working hard in school</li> <li>• make sure my child goes to school every day</li> <li>• make sure my child does homework and schoolwork regularly</li> <li>• make sure my child gets to school on time</li> </ul>	As a student, I will do my best. I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work hard</li> <li>• come to school on time</li> <li>• have books and materials that I need</li> <li>• pay attention in class</li> <li>• make sure I understand my assignments</li> <li>• complete my class work and my homework</li> <li>• follow the rules of the school</li> </ul>

<p><b>Good instruction that works for children</b></p>	<p>As a school, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teach the MCPS curriculum</li> <li>• support each student’s learning</li> <li>• assist parents in learning about ways they can help their children with homework and learning</li> </ul>	<p>As a parent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attend meetings about what my child is learning</li> <li>• know what my child learning</li> <li>• check homework and look at schoolwork</li> <li>• ask questions about how I can help my child at home</li> </ul>	<p>As a student, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• know what is expected of me in all of my subjects</li> <li>• ask questions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Communicating</b></p>	<p>As a school, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• communicate with families about high academic standards, student progress and the school’s overall performance</li> <li>• communicate with families in a language that they can understand, when possible</li> <li>• make the school a friendly place for parents to meet, talk, and learn about their child’s education</li> </ul>	<p>As a parent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attend Back-to-School events, parent-teacher conferences and other school-sponsored programs</li> <li>• tell the school about anything that might effect my child’s learning</li> <li>• tell the teacher or school when I do not understand something that is sent home</li> </ul>	<p>As a student, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talk to my family about things I like about school</li> <li>• talk to my family about things I am learning in school</li> <li>• ask my teacher for help when I have problems with my schoolwork / homework</li> </ul>
<p><b>Learning new skills through volunteering and training</b></p>	<p>As a school, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage all families to volunteer and be involved in the school</li> <li>• show parents ways they can help their children with homework and learning at home</li> </ul>	<p>As a parent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• volunteer for at least one activity during the school year (helping in the classroom, supporting special activities at school, chaperoning a field trip)</li> <li>• attend PTA meetings, parent trainings, and other special activities</li> <li>• join school committees, such as the Parent Involvement Committee or the School Improvement Plan Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>As a student, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help other students</li> <li>• get involved in projects that will help my school and community</li> </ul>