

2009-2010 Glen Haven Elementary School – Parent Compact

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Shared Responsibilities for:	School Staff	Parent	Student
High quality curriculum and instruction	<p>As a school, we expect all students to meet or exceed the MCPS grade level standards and the Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum (VSC). We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review assessment results to determine strengths and needs of students • use the MCPS curriculum to plan instruction that will improve students' academic performance • give students timely feedback and opportunities to show what they know 	<p>As a parent, I will support education and believe that my child can reach high goals. I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • talk to my child about what is happening in school and about the importance of working hard in school • make sure my child goes to school every day on time • make sure my child does homework and schoolwork regularly 	<p>As a student, I will do my best and work hard. I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • come to school on time prepared to learn • pay attention in class and ask questions when I don't understand • complete all of my assignments • follow the rules of the school
Parent-teacher conferences	<p>As a school, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hold at least one parent-teacher conference annually • assist parents in learning about ways they can help their children with homework and learning 	<p>As a parent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend meetings about what my child is learning • ask questions about how I can help my child at home 	<p>As a student, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • know what is expected of me in all of my subjects • talk to my family about things I am learning in school
Communication/frequent progress reports	<p>As a school, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • communicate with families about high academic standards, student progress and the school's overall performance • communicate with families in a language that they can understand, when possible • communicate with parents and students about academic progress and behavior through interims, report cards and parent-teacher conferences • provide frequent communication through announcements, newsletters, and the school website to keep families informed of upcoming events 	<p>As a parent, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend Back-to-School events, parent-teacher conferences and other school-sponsored programs • communicate any concerns about my child's learning • tell the teacher or school when I do not understand something that is sent home 	<p>As a student, I will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • talk to my family about things I like about school • ask my teacher for help when I have problems with my schoolwork/homework • share all schoolwork and notices with my family

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Accessibility	As a school, we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide reasonable access to the school staff • make the school a friendly place for parents to meet, talk, and learn about their child’s education 	As a parent, I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attend PTA meetings, parent trainings, and other special activities • ensure that the school will be able to reach me at any time 	As a student, I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help other students • respect all students and adults
Opportunities to be involved/volunteer	As a school, we will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage all families to volunteer and be involved in the school • provide parents with opportunities to give input about the school climate and instructional program through the School Improvement Team, the Parent Involvement Committee and school surveys • encourage parents to participate in their child’s education through PTA events, Curriculum Nights, conferences, and volunteering 	As a parent, I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • volunteer for at least one activity during the school year (helping in the classroom, supporting special activities at school, chaperoning a field trip) • join school committees, such as the Parent Involvement Committee or the School Improvement Team 	As a student, I will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get involved in projects that will help my school and community

In this compact, “parent” is intended to include parents, guardians, and other family members involved in supervising the child’s schooling.

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