

## **Washington Elementary School Parent Compact**

The goal of our school program is to ensure that students are capable of performing the outcomes indicated at each grade level and that students are given challenges commensurate with their abilities.

We, at Washington Elementary, expect that our students will:

- Demonstrate an enjoyment and ability to read appropriate materials fluently, with understanding and appreciation
- Communicate effectively in writing
- Read for pleasure which will lead to lifelong learning and reading
- Develop academic skills in all subject areas

### **Washington Elementary School will:**

- Provide a friendly environment
- Set high academic expectations
- Formulate a curriculum that prepares students for their future
- Hire the best teachers and provide them with the most effective tools/resources
- Provide a safe comfortable learning environment
- Maintain open lines of communication between home and school
- Encourage community volunteers in our school

### **Washington Elementary Teachers will:**

- Make learning interesting, exciting and challenging
- Stimulate a student's intellectual curiosity
- Respect each child as an individual
- Provide a classroom structure that is socially safe
- Assess, monitor, and report each child's performance regularly
- Communicate openly and frequently with parents
- Make effective use of classroom aides and community volunteers

### **Washington Elementary Families/Parents will:**

- Value education and be enthusiastic about learning
- Help children maintain good health habits
- Ensure children attend school regularly and on time
- Instill an overall respect for self, other people, and property
- Provide a supportive environment to encourage reading
- Support their child's education by monitoring homework and asking questions about school life
- Take an active part in the on-going life of the school by participating in school activities, volunteering, and attending parent-teacher conferences

### **Washington Elementary Children will:**

- Accept responsibility for their learning and actions
- Show respect
- Have a positive attitude about learning
- Do their best in school
- Do their homework and class work as assigned
- Read or share books at home every day

**Please keep this copy for your records.**

## What is a School Parent Compact?

**On the following page** you will find a copy of Washington Elementary's School Parent Compact. This compact has been created by Washington Elementary teachers, staff, Title I staff, Title I parents, other parents, and the administration. A School Parent Compact is a written statement of what schools and parents can do to help students achieve. Each school that receives federal money for Title I must have a compact. (Title I is a federal program that provides supplemental reading instruction for eligible Washington Elementary children.)

In order for children to reach school standards, they need support from all the adults in their lives. Teachers have the important job of instructing students. Other school staff contribute to making the school a place where children can learn. Parents have the equally important job of providing a safe, healthy, and caring home that supports learning. The compact lists specific ways school staff and parents can help children achieve. The compact also encourages on-going communication between parent and school staff.

Please read over the School Parent Compact. It lists things that the school, teachers, parents, and children themselves can do to support learning. We hope you will agree to sign the compact to show the school you support its efforts. It also shows your child that you are committed to his or her learning.

***You and your child are encouraged to sign the slip below and return it to your classroom teacher.*** Please sign the compact for your own information and post it in a place in your home that is visible to both you and your child. During parent teacher conferences and other parent nights, we also hope you will ask teachers and other parents about the compact and review its effectiveness.

**Sign and return the form below to your child's teacher.**

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We agree to work toward the goals set forth in the Washington Elementary School Parent Compact.

Signed principal \_\_\_\_\_ Signed teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Signed parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signed student \_\_\_\_\_

Signed superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ Child's grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to school – Thank you!**