

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on students learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality curriculum and instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Every Spring this document is revised by the School Site Council. During this meeting students' learning needs, based on current grade-level data, is reviewed. These discussions are data driven and include suggestions for home learning strategies by teachers, along with input from parents to make these strategies specific to their needs. Students at the middle schools also provide insight on ways to support their learning.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE COMMENTS AT ANY TIME.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- School Site Council (SSC) / English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- Monthly Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings
- Back-to-School Night/Open House
- United For Good
- Kids Day—Valley Children's Hospital
- Coins for Caring—Lighthouse Rescue Mission
- College Expo
- Harvesting Hope
- Toys for Tots

We appreciate and value the partnerships we have with our parents and local community. We encourage our Los Tules families to get involved by volunteering for school events and committees. For more information about how you can get involved, please contact us at 559-687-3156 or visit our website at www.lostules.tcsdk8.org.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Los Tules Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students' learning. Some of the ways parents and teachers communicate throughout the year are:

- Phone calls and/or emails regarding student progress
- Parent conferences—September 26-30, 2016; March 13-17, 2017
- Blackboard—Parent Communication System
- Aeries Parent Portal—<http://parentportal.tcsdk8.org/>

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

Please contact your child's teacher by phone at 559-687-3156 or visiting our website at www.lostules.tcsdk8.org.

LOS TULES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2016-2017

OUR FOCUS FOR STUDENT



SUCCESS

OUR GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

- #1 Safe and Secure Learning and Work Environment for All
- #2 Teaching is Relevant, Purposeful and Yields the Deepest Levels of Learning for All
- #3 Connect to the Local and Global Communities

LCAP/SCHOOL GOALS:

- ◆ Students will reach high standards and increase student achievement.
- ◆ Students will have opportunities to engage and participate in extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ EL students will increase proficiency in English and increase student achievement in ELA.
- ◆ Faculty will engage in consistent professional development and training.
- ◆ Promote parent and community involvement in a safe environment.

We will get there by:

- Consistently monitoring student progress using formal and informal assessments and observations.
- Providing Professional Development for teachers.
- Regularly conducting grade level and Learning Focused Conversation meetings.
- Holding Student Study Team meetings to monitor student progress.
- Continuing to build relationships with our parents and community through frequent communication regarding student progress and school events.
- Increasing technology in all subject areas.

When teachers, students and families work together we CAN achieve our goals!

TEACHERS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS - TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in meeting or exceeding the Common Core State Standards in reading and math. Some of our key ways to connect with families will be:

- Local Monitor and Review
- Parent Conferences
- Back-to-School Night (Fall)
- Open House (Spring)
- Communication with parents through phone calls, emails, Blackboard, and/or notes home.
- Offering opportunities for parents to be involved with school committees or volunteer in the classroom (background check/TB/fingerprints clearance required)

AT HOME

Los Tules parents joined staff to develop the following ideas about how families can support student success in reading and math.

- Check your child's assignment calendar daily for homework that needs to be completed and provide a quiet place for them to study.
- Encourage your child to read 30 minutes daily outside the regular school day.
- Have conversations with your child about their day.
- Ensure your child is on time and at school each day.
- Support the school's homework, discipline, attendance, and dress code policies.

STUDENTS

Los Tules students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

-
-
-

Teacher/Principal Signatures _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____