

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT

COMPACT?

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

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on scholars' learning skills
- Describe how educators will help students develop those skills using high-quality curriculum and instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how educators and parents will communicate about scholar 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 scholars' learning needs, based on current grade-level data, is reviewed. These discussions are data driven and include suggestions for home learning strategies by educators, along with input from parents to make these strategies specific to their needs. Scholars at the middle schools also provide insight on ways to support their learning.

**PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO CONTRIBUTE
COMMENTS AT ANY TIME.**

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent Teacher Organization-Meets Monthly
- School Site Council/English Language Advisory Council
- Back to School Night/Open House/AVID Parent Nights
- United for Good
- Kids Day benefiting Valley Children's Hospital
- Harvesting Hope
- College Night
- Career Day

Mulcahy has events throughout the year. We send notices home through Parent-link and flyers. Please be on the lookout for notices. Check our school website <http://mulcahy.tcsdk8.org/> for information, as well. If you have questions about an event, feel free to call anytime

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT

LEARNING

Mulcahy Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about scholars' learning. Some of the ways parents and teachers communicate all year are:

- Email or call the educator with questions or updates first. They are the first line of communication.
- Contact Counselor, RTI Teacher, Principal, Vice Principal with questions or concerns.
- Parent Conferences - September 26-30, 2016; March 13-17, 2017

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS?

Please contact your teacher by phone (559)685-7250 or email which you can find on our website <http://mulcahy.tcsdk8.org/> or in the office.

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SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2016-2017

OUR FOCUS



FOR SCHOLAR SUCCESS

OUR GOALS FOR SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENT

DISTRICT PRIORITIES:

- #1. Safe, Secure and Healthy Learning and Work Environment for All
- #2. Teaching is Relevant (Engaging), Purposeful (Complexity of Thinking) and Yields the Deepest Levels of Learning (Checking for Understanding or All
- #3. Connect to the Local and Global Communities

LCAP/SCHOOL GOALS:

- ◆ Scholars will reach high standards and increase student achievement.
- ◆ Scholars will have opportunities to engage and participate in extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ EL scholars 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:

- Staff Development & Learning Focused Conversations
- Monitoring progress of scholars in Language Arts and Math weekly, monthly and each trimester.
- Communicating with Parents frequently
- Monitoring scholars' progress in Student Study Teams

When educators, scholars and families work together, we CAN achieve our goals!

EDUCATORS, PARENTS AND SCHOLARS - TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Educators will work with scholars and their families to support scholars' 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:

- Back to School Night to explain curriculum
- Open House to showcase curriculum
- School Site Council Visits of classrooms
- Communication to parents through emails, Parent-link, phone calls or notes.
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom to assist with common core lessons (once background/TB/fingerprints are cleared).

AT HOME

Mulcahy Middle School parents joined staff to develop the following ideas about how families can support scholars' success in school.

- Check your scholar's planners to see nightly homework assignments
- Ask your scholar about their day and what they are doing in their classes.
- Encourage your scholar to read for 30 minutes per night.
- Review school communications and respond to notes sent home by the school or educators.

SCHOLARS

Mulcahy scholars joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and develop the skills necessary to become a "learned person that obtains much knowledge in all academic areas." Scholars thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school.

Set Goals:

Principal Signature _____ *Tracey Jenkins* _____

Educator Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Scholar Signature _____