

Elizabethton City Schools: School-Parent Compact

Dear Families:

Elizabethton City Schools believe that education and learning are shared responsibilities of the student, family, and the school system. We value your role in helping your child to achieve high academic standards. The following is an outline of the ways that you and the school staff can build a partnership to share the responsibility for supporting your child's learning.

School Responsibilities:

1. Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet the State of Tennessee's academic achievement standards as follows:
 - Maintain high expectations of ourselves and students
 - Make efficient use of academic learning time
 - Use research-based strategies to compliment instruction
 - Provide an environment where everyone is respected and valued
 - Provide materials and training to parents regarding topics of concern, their child's course of study, and the curriculum
 - Provide after-school tutoring to students who need extra help
2. Provide the parent with assistance in understanding academic achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor their child's progress by:
 - Providing assessments of individual student progress through weekly folders, student agendas, phone communications, IEP meetings, mid-term and nine-week grade reports, and state mandated achievement testing
 - Invite parental help, support, and opportunities for involvement by communicating through phone calls, newsletters, and emails
3. Provide opportunities for ongoing communication between the parent and teachers through at a minimum:
 - School-parent compact review
 - Phone communications
 - Newsletters
 - Fall Open House
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences Days (2 per year)
 - Student handbook and assignment books
 - School announcements through school website and newsletters
 - Frequent notes regarding your child's progress
 - Opportunities to meet with school staff, volunteer in class, and observe activities

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our child's learning in the following ways:

- Encourage my child to attend school regularly
- Encourage my child to demonstrate appropriate school behavior
- Review my child's homework and monitor his/her progress
- Teach my child social skills to promote positive interactions with his/her classmates
- Volunteer in my child's school and classroom when, and if time and schedule permits
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and participate, when appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of my child

Student Responsibilities:

- Attend school regularly and arrive to class on time
- Ask for help on assignments, as needed, at school and at home
- Complete and turn assignments in on time
- Display positive and respectful behaviors
- Always do my best work
- Discuss the school day and share information with my parents

School Signature(s):

Teacher _____

Principal _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____