What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School 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 students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Jointly Developed with Parents

The parents at North Star helped develop this Compact for Achievement. School-wide meetings are held each year to update the compact. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

For more information on the compact, please contact Adrienne Lobato, Principal.

Activities to Support Partnerships

SEP Conferences
October 4, 2023 – 3:00pm-7:00pm
October 5, 2023 – 1:00pm-7:00pm
February 7, 2024 – 3:00pm-7:00pm
February 8, 2024 – 1:00pm-7:00pm

School Community Council (SCC)
First Tuesday of the month – 8:00am

PTA/PTO
This year, we will organize a PTO rather than a PTA. We hope to meet monthly.

Family Nights
We will have three Family Nights this year. Please watch for further communication from the school for dates, times, and topics.

Communicating about Learning

North Star is committed to communicating regularly with families about children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- School newsletters, monthly calendars, emails, text messages, and phone calls.
- Weekly posts on the North Star Facebook page.
- Teachers will provide their contact information to families at the beginning of the school year. Teacher contact information can also be found on the North Star website.
North Star Students

North Star Elementary students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and succeed in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Talk with my family about new vocabulary words and what I am learning in math and science.
- Bring home our class and school newsletters about school events.
- Keep a log of the games I play at home to practice new vocabulary words and math.

At Home

North Star parents do such an amazing job at supporting the learning taking place in classrooms. Listed below are a few activities you and your child could easily do at home to continue to support the learning taking place in classrooms.

- Practice math facts and sight words.
- Review vocabulary words from language arts, math, and science.
- Discuss homework and upcoming projects and assessments.
- Ask about the Community of Caring Values: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Trust, and Family.

Check the school website for additional information.

In the Classroom

Teachers will work with students and their families to support students’ success in reading, math, and science. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Provide parents with academic progress reports.
- Provide parents with regular updates on content instruction in language arts, math, and science.
- Keep contact with parents through notes home, phone calls, emails, conferences, teacher websites, home visits, and other forms of communication.
- Provide additional small group instruction when appropriate.

Excellence and equity: every student, every classroom, every day.

North Star Family Engagement Plan

Parents joined staff to develop a plan about how North Star and families can work together to improve family engagement. Our plan includes actions to:

- Make our school more welcoming and make meetings more accessible and understandable with language interpretation when appropriate.
- Support parents to understand their rights to be involved in planning school goals, and advocate for their students.
- Provide multiple opportunities for families to learn about the Utah Core Standards and strategies to help their children be successful.
- Engage in early childhood educational opportunities, special education supports, and other enrichment opportunities and partnerships.
- Update the school website and use social media, such as North Star’s Facebook page, to provide information to the school community.

Salt Lake City School District

Title I – Parents’ Right to Know

Title I is part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Schools receive federal funds based on the number of students who qualify for free lunch. These funds help us strengthen our programs to meet the needs of all our students.

- You have the right to know the level of achievement of your child on the RISE state assessments in the areas of English language arts (reading), math, and science for students in grades 3-8.
- We will assess reading in grades K-6 using Acadience. We will also assess proficiency in English language arts (reading), math, and science in grades 3-8 using the RISE state assessments.
- You have the right to know the qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals teaching your child. If a teacher is not qualified, you will be informed of their limited licensure. If you have any questions, please speak to Adrienne Lobato, Principal.

School Goals

Our focus is always on the needs of the students. As part of our School Improvement Plan (SIP), we will generate four school-wide goals that focus on literacy, numeracy, closing achievement gaps, and maintaining a positive and safe school climate and culture.