



## Family-School Compact 2023-2024



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**Believe**  
**Achieve**  
**Succeed**

### As a **STUDENT**, I will...

- Respect myself, others, and the environment
- Do my best to keep a growth mindset
- Listen, be curious, and ask questions
- Accept responsibility for the choices I make
- Read to expand my mind and learn new things
- Follow the school's safety rules
- ROAR with Toquam pride

### As a **PARENT/GUARDIAN**, active supporter, and participant in my child's education, I will...

- Talk and listen to my child each day about what happened in and out of school
- Encourage my child to read
- Communicate with my child's educators and ask questions to better understand how my child is performing (including at parent-teacher conferences)
- Support my child's learning by checking for homework and electronic/paper notices each day
- Attend school functions (including virtually) when possible
- Value my child's entire school day
- Follow the school's safety protocols

### As an **EDUCATOR**, I will...

- Keep families informed of students' progress and ways to support learning at home
- Provide a safe, caring, and supportive learning environment
- Value and respect students as individuals
- Set clear expectations, provide structure, and challenge students
- Incorporate AVID's WICOR strategies (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) throughout each day
- Help students create goals and take steps to achieve them with a growth mindset
- Follow the school's safety protocols

## Principal's Message

Toquam Magnet Elementary School's magnet theme is **AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination). **AVID** aims to close the opportunity gap in our schools and prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society. It promotes best teaching and learning practices through the lenses of a "growth mindset" and **WICOR** (Writing • Inquiry • Collaboration • Organization • Reading).

At Toquam, we start each morning with a growth mindset pledge and embed **WICOR** strategies throughout the school day to enhance the Stamford Public Schools curriculum and CT Common Core expectations.

**AVID** also emphasizes the need for a "safe and open culture." Our staff consists of Master Teachers who go above and beyond to ensure that our scholars' social, emotional, and academic needs are met. While our magnet theme is new, we continue to be the same caring and nurturing family we have always been. We look forward to partnering with you to make this a fulfilling and successful year for our scholars. We believe in a growth mindset for all.



### Toquam's Vision

Toquam Magnet School **believes** all scholars will **achieve** their full potential and be prepared to **succeed** in our global society.

### Toquam's Mission

Our mission is to prepare all scholars for college and career readiness to ensure success in our global society through perseverance, determination, critical thinking and teamwork.

### Toquam's AVID Pledge

I respect myself, others, and the environment each day.  
I am determined to persevere when challenges come my way.

I look for helpful strategies to achieve my best.  
With critical thinking and teamwork, I am ready for success.

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## **RESPONSIBLE TOQUAM SCHOLARS "ROAR" by...**

	Classroom (VL 0-3)	Hallway (VL 0)	Bathroom (VL 1)	Playground (VL 3-4)	Cafeteria (VL 1-2)	Bus (VL 1-2)
<b><u>R</u>especting Themselves</b>	*Try your best *Be an active learner	*Walk like a scholar *Be on time	*Flush the toilet *Wash your hands with soap/water	*Play safely	*Use table manners while eating	*Stay in your seat *Be a friend
<b><u>R</u>especting <u>O</u>thers <u>A</u>nd</b>	*Allow everyone to learn *Use hands and feet appropriately	*Wink or wave to your friends and adults *Maintain personal space	*Maintain privacy	*Play fairly	*Be safe on the lunch line *Use "please" and "thank you" with the cafeteria staff	*Keep hands and feet to yourself *Use "please" and "thank you" with the bus driver
<b><u>R</u>especting the <u>E</u>nvironment</b>	*Take care of classroom materials	*Admire the bulletin boards with your eyes	*Keep the bathroom clean	*Keep nature with nature *Use playground equipment appropriately	*Clean up after yourself *Throw trash in the garbage	*Keep the bus clean of trash *Care for the bus seats and property

**VOICE LEVELS: 0=silence 1=whisper 2=table talk 3= presenter voice 4=outside voice**