

### 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 grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality 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

The parents, students, and staff of Whitney Intermediate School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning activities, parents added ideas to improve connections between home and school, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Parent, teacher, and student surveys are completed and analyzed each year to help the school identify the needs of our students and families.

*Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.*

## Building Partnerships

### Family Engagement Nights

WIS hosts family nights each year. The evening begins with a performance from our music program. After the program the staff provides activities for your family to enjoy, and information to help strengthen the connection between home and school.

(dates are subject to change)

- Oct. 17th: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Program
- Dec. 5th: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Program
- March 5th: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Program

We also encourage families and community members to visit our school and take part in our learning community.

### Special Events

- September: Grandparent's Day Lunch
- October: Red Ribbon Week
- November: Lunch with a Veteran
- November: Parent Conferences
- April- Talent Show
- May- Field Day

\*\*Achievement Parties at the end of each six weeks



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## School-Home Compact

2023-2024



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## Campus Goals

### *Whitney Intermediate:*

Whitney administrators, teachers, and the site base decision-making committee have studied our student performance data to decide on the key areas of improvement for our school.

- ⇒ Addition of daily spiral review in math instruction to reinforce and build concrete math skills
- ⇒ Increase reading proficiency with a structured language instruction and small group guided reading daily
- ⇒ Implement cross curricular writing model for increased writing skills over all content areas
- ⇒ Implement A.L.I.C.E. strategies to increase student safety on campus
- ⇒ Improve connections between school and home. Provide grade level and monthly newsletters and important documents in both English and Spanish.
- ⇒ Increase home to school communication using Class Dojo
- ⇒ Create a master schedule. provide

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## Teachers, Parents, Students Working Together for Success

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### *In the Classroom...*

Teachers and staff will work with students and their families to support students' success in all areas.

Some of our key connections with families will be:

- ⇒ Offer Family Engagement nights where students and families can create materials and gather information about curriculum in all areas
- ⇒ Provide grade level newsletters with goals for learning and activities that will help increase student achievement
- ⇒ Provide electronic communication with families

### Communication about Student Learning

Whitney Intermediate School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student achievement. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Grade Level Newsletter
- Monthly Calendar and Newsletter from the office
- Updates on the school website
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Phone Calls
- Electronic systems: Blackboard, Email, Class Dojo, Parent Portal

### As a Whitney Intermediate School Teacher, I pledge to:

- Communicate and work with families to enhance student achievement
- Believe that each child can learn
- Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress
- Create a positive and respectful environment for my students
- Utilize interesting and innovative ways of teaching to encourage students in the learning process
- Be organized and plan lessons that meet the needs of my students

### As a Whitney Intermediate School Parent, I pledge to:

- Attend school functions and parent/teacher conferences
- Keep the school informed of any changes in telephone numbers and addresses
- Monitor attendance and get my child to school on time
- Talk with my child about his or her school activities each day
- Establish routines to support my child's success in school:
  - Appropriate bedtime
  - Complete homework and reading
  - Balanced nutrition and good hygiene habits

### As a Whitney Intermediate School Student, I pledge to:

- Believe that I can learn and do my best everyday
- Talk to my parents about what I am learning in school
- Be respectful of school personnel and of other students
- Follow all school rules and expectations
- Attend school regularly, and arrive at school on time

