

MARY JO SHEPPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

2023-2024

MJS Elementary and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

MJS will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:
 - We will provide a description and explanation of our curriculum at our September Parent Night.
 - Address individual student needs utilizing best instructional practices and intervention strategies.
 - Parents are always welcome to observe the implementation of curriculum and learning environment, following school guidelines.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss a child's individual progress towards meeting district and state academic standards.
 - At least one formal documented conference will be held at the school. Parents will be offered different opportunities to schedule conferences with the teacher throughout the year.
3. Provide parents with frequent formal reports on their child's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
 - Report Cards at the end of every six week grading period.
 - Progress reports will be sent home each grading period.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
 - During a pre-arranged conference time, in person, by phone, by e-mail.
 - Meet the Teacher Night
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:
 - Inform parents weekly of upcoming school events
 - A prescheduled conference with the classroom teacher.
 - Pre-scheduled Classroom Observations can be made through the principal or assistant principal.
 - Texas Public Schools Week Open House Night – Spring Semester
6. Making every effort to have printed and audio communication translated into the home language when possible.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNING AND SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

As a Parent I will

- Ensure my child arrives at school on time (prior to the 7:55 A.M. bell).
- Monitor my child's absences to avoid having them miss instruction.
- Send a note describing my child's reason for absence within one day of their absence.
- Send my child to school every day with the correct Mode of Dress regarding clothing and hairstyles.
- Be aware of what my child is learning by visiting the instructional pacing guides found on the Mansfield ISD website.
- Initiate communication with my child's teacher.
- Review my child's homework and their planners daily.
- Respond to request for information or feedback from the school in a prompt and appropriate manner.
- Participate in parent-teacher conferences
- Attend one parent night event: Literacy Night, Math Night, and other events on campus.
- Follow school expectations regarding safety procedures for visiting the school. (Signing in/Name Tags)
- Follow civility when interacting with school personnel.
- Ensure my child gets to bed early and eats well, in order to enhance their engagement in the classroom.
- Maintain current contact information and notify the school with any changes (phone numbers, addresses)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

I, as a student at MJS Elementary, will share the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and achieve the state's high standards.

Specifically, I will:

- Follow the MJS Guidelines for Success.
- Complete classroom and homework assignments.
- Deliver written communication from school to home and home to school.
- Show pride in my school.
- Come to school every day ready to learn.

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