What is a Family-School Compact for Achievement?

A Family-School Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, teachers & the community develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure that all students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

Effective Compact

- **Begin** with standards
- **Focus** on student learning
- **Respond** to school data
- **Define** everyone's responsibilities
- **Depend** on us to believe in it and use it!

Jointly Developed

The parents and staff at Wallace Middle School developed this Family-School Compact for Achievement. Wallace Governance Council meets every month to help create a more positive connection between families, parents, the community, and the school. Any items in this compact are reviewed for revision as well as any other ways the school can help to create a more positive relationship with the parents and community.

If you would like to know more about:

-Family-School Compact
-Wallace Council Government
-Power School
-Parent Square
-Family & Community Resources
Call the school at 203-574-8140

Wallace PTO Events

Each month, Wallace's PTO has various events. These events are a great way to get more involved with the Wallace community, have an evening of laughter, fun and raise funds to support programs that will further the social and academics skills of the Wallace students. All events and meeting will be listed in the monthly newsletter and on the web site.

Communication about Student Learning

Wallace Middle School is committed to communicating regularly with families about students learning. Some of the ways you can expect communication are:

- **Posts & Messages**
- **Parent Square Attendance Notices & Calls**
- **Phone Calls Home**
- **Newsletters Home**
- **Open House/Parent Conferences**
- **PTO Meetings and Events**
- **Wallace Web Site**
https://wallace.waterbury.k12.ct.us/
- **Academic Academy website**:
https://academicacademy.waterbury.k12.ct.us/
- **Wallace Instagram**
@wallacelions

Stay informed & communicated about important information regarding your child.

Power School-Parents/Students
- Student Information System & Grade Book Program

Parent Square
- School-To-Home Communication

The two-way group messaging, private conversations, district-wide alerts and notices, and simple user interface keeps everyone connected, creating a vibrant school community.

Wallace Middle School Family-School Compact For Achievement

Teachers, Parent, Students, & Community-Together for Success!



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Menu Option #9 for Parent Liaison

Si necesita una copia de esto en español, llame a la escuela.
Nëse keni nevojë për një kopje të kësaj në shqip, telefononi shkollën.

2023-2024

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At Home

Wallace Middle School parents join staff to exchange ideas of how to connect families and school to promote a more positive learning environment, academic and socially.

-Look for Parent Square posts/messages and view the Wallace web site.
-Become involved in the monthly PTO meetings and activities held at school.
-Visit or call the school to discuss their child's learning with teachers.
-Utilize power school to monitor their child's progress in classes.
-Active school governance council composed of teachers, parents, students & community.

In the Wallace Classroom

All Wallace Middle School Teachers will work with students and their families to develop students academic and social skills in order to become more productive members of society. Some of our key connections with students and families will be:

-Positive interactions with families in the development of students.
-Utilizing Wallace web site and blog for upcoming information and/or events.
-Bi-Monthly Student Success Plan (SSP) Advisory periods.
-Most current effective teaching strategies.
-Lion PRIDE ticket Reward System.
-Honor Roll Recognition.
-Student of the Month Gameday.

Our Goals & Strategies

A strategic plan for a school district establishes priorities and creates a formal process designed to help set goals and strategies for decision making aligned with a district's vision and mission.

Post-graduate Guidance & Preparation

-Students Success Plans: Design and implement a student success plan system to develop goals, identify aspirations, and provide necessary supports for each and every child.
-**College & Career Pathways**: Design and implement a Rigorous and comprehensive College & Career Pathways system to support postgraduate options for each and every child.

Teaching and Learning

-Curriculum Management Cycle Develop a guaranteed and viable curriculum aligned with the Portrait of the Graduate and ensure all students have access to equitable learning experiences that prepare them for success after graduation.
-**High Quality Instruction** Design and implement a comprehensive teaching and learning system.
-**School and Culture** Ensure an inclusive school and classroom culture conducive to student wellness and academic growth.
-**Professional Learning Develop** a robust Professional Learning Plan that is rooted in best practice for adult learning.

Family and Community Engagement

-External Communications: Ensure WPS is reaching 100% of families on a regular basis through external communications.
-Community Organizations Improve engagement and strengthen partnerships with community organizations and Faith-Based Communities.
-**Provide Communication Using a Variety of Methods:** Ensure communication is available on multiple platforms, respecting linguistic backgrounds, to increase parent involvement and participation.

Talent Management

-Recruitment: Enhance and expand recruitment of high-quality employees, to include an emphasis on diversity.
-**Hiring:** Design and implement a streamlined system for hiring and onboard recruited candidates.
-**Staff Support & Retention:** Increase retention rates in all employment categories.
-**Staff Attendance:** Improve staff attendance by collaborating with union leadership to develop policy and tools.

Fiscal Responsibility

-Aligned Budget: Increase the capacity of the district and decision-makers to build a budget aligned to its strategic priorities for increasing access to equitable opportunities for all students.
-**Consolidated Long-Range Planning:** Develop and consolidate long-range plans prioritizing programmatic, facilities, and infrastructure needs in order to support a stable and sustainable district.

Wallace Students

Wallace Middle School students joined the staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school.

-Discuss new learning with family members.
-Bring home any newsletters, information, and work.
-Become more involved in school activities.
-Promote positive behaviors and academic skills demonstrated in the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) program.
-A diverse selection of extra-curricular activities.

-6th Grade: All students in grade 6 will make transition from an elementary setting to a middle school setting, becoming a more independent learner.
-**7th Grade**: All students in the 7th grade will learn to become more responsible citizens within the school, modeling positive behaviors both academically and socially.
-**8th Grade:** All students in the 8th grade will be the model citizens of the school, both academically and behaviorally. As a result, all 8th graders will be prepared for high school.