

## **SOUTH HIGH COMPACT: COMMITMENTS FROM TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

### **South High School is committed to:**

- Providing quality instruction that prepares students for success in college and the world outside of school.
- Being a community where everyone belongs, where we honor our cultures and heritages, and co-create a community of learners committed to academic excellence.
- Teachers, staff, families and students work together to create a curriculum that is student-centered, project based, and provides students with authentic experiences.

### **Expectations of Teachers & Staff:**

1. **Commitment:** Teachers and staff will work hard every day to give all of our students the best possible education! We will get to know students, encourage and support them, and teach a rigorous curriculum using varied instructional strategies designed to reach all learners. We will treat all students with respect.
2. **Fair and Transparent Assessment:** Teachers will use the Online Gradebook in the Parent Portal to share student assessments on a regular basis. In addition, progress reports will be sent home with students every three weeks from every class. Students will be graded to standards so that the grades reflect the student's learning.
3. **Communication:** Teachers and staff will return calls and emails within one day when possible, and within two days in most cases. We will reach out to families as needed with information and support. We will work as partners with our families.

### **Expectations of Parents & Families:**

1. **Communicate Belief:** Expect good grades from your student, and let them know it. We believe that ALL students can earn at least a B- in every class, and that anything less shows that the student did not work hard enough. When parents believe and insist that the student will succeed, it becomes reality.
2. **Enforce Homework:** Have your student sit down to do at least one hour of homework every school night. Provide a place and time that is quiet and monitor what the student is doing. Completed homework should be shown to the parent, never "left at school." If they finish in less than an hour, students should read for the remainder of the time. Reading for at least 30 minutes per day is important for brain growth.
3. **Enough Sleep:** Middle School students need 8-10 hours of sleep every night. Having a set bedtime and set time to turn off the electronics/computer/TV is important. Students should turn off all screens an hour before bedtime. The "blue light" in computer screens - especially laptops, tablets (like iPads) and smartphones, which students hold closer than the TV- acts like caffeine and keeps us awake! Students using screens will not feel tired, but they need to get to bed.

**Expectations of Students:**

1. **Show Up:** Be at school and in your assigned classes every day, rested and ready to do your best! Bring a positive attitude and willingness to try in every class. Be on time and ready to learn.
2. **Be Kind:** Be nice to everyone. When you are angry, stay in control of your words and actions. Never hit or “put hands on” others in any way. Cooperate with staff and classmates. With over 800 people in the building every day, we all have to cooperate to get along!
3. **Go PRO!** Act like a professional in order to prepare to become one. Bring all your materials to every class, including completed homework. Bring a bottle of water - it’s good for your brain! - but no other food or drinks. Follow the dress code and present yourself with self-respect.

**I have read and agree with the terms of this compact, and will work my best to ensure that we have a great year at Sanford!**

Principal’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_