2025-2026 Parent/School Compact

GRAND PRAIRIE FINE ARTS ACADEMY

Principal: MARIA SCHELL

PARENT	STUDENT	SCHOOL
Ensure timely pick up from school, tutoring, school events, and fine arts events.	**Be on time** to school daily, to every class, and to all fine arts functions…PREPARED!	**Announce** parent and community meetings via website posts, email notices, school calendars.
Parents **actively seek** out information/ awareness of student /school information.	Demonstrate **support** for all GPFAA strands	Ensure homework assignments and reading materials are **relevant.**
Review **homework** assignments daily and encourage home reading weekly.	**Maintain all technology** hardware and software accounts – Canvas, Laptop, iPad.	Encourage **school and home-learning** partnerships via parent communication.
Encourage home learning opportunities to **support the curriculum** and fine arts.	**Balance** Strand, Academic, and Family Expectations.	Provide well planned and **necessary information** and activities for students/parents.
Awareness of and support classroom **discipline** expectations.	**Maintain eligibility** throughout the year.	Stress the importance of excellent **attendance** to parents and students.
Contact my child's teacher to **communicate** any challenges to student progress.	**Value all GPFAA Opportunities**	**Address parent concerns** regarding any challenges to student progress in a timely manner.
Maintain a functioning **email** for communication purposes as well **as–phone number, emergency contacts.**	**Citizenship and Digital Citizenship** – To include Academic Honesty, Integrity, Respectful.	Create a school **environment that celebrates** student achievement, acknowledging achievement gains, good behavior, and character
Encourage my child to participate in before and after/weekend school **tutoring** sessions.	Be an **equal and active** partner in your education.	**Communicate** before/after school /Saturday academic activities and tutoring sessions to students.
Support all students in their school-sponsored competitions, performances, and practices.	**Uphold** all GPFAA Expectations and the Vision: Extraordinary by Design.	**Capture Kids Hearts Every Day –** Get to know students on a personal level to promote positive relationships and learning.
Proper **notification** of absences to the attendance office required.	Be a **global thinker and dreamer** – Plan for your future.	**Create a positive learning environment** consistent with GPFAA expectations.
Keep up with your child's grades through Skyward and Canvas.	Push GPFAA academic standards by maintaining an **above average** work ethic.	**Create lessons** that teach, engage, and push students past their current knowledge.
Ensure students are at school **on time** daily, in attendance daily, and for fine arts functions.	**Respectfully communicate** with parents, teachers, directors, and community.	**Ensure** all students grow academically, artistically, and personally.
Use **respectful communication** when emailing/speaking with school personnel	**Expect to struggle** and welcome the opportunity to learn from it.	Use **respectful communication** when emailing/speaking with parents/students/school.

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Vision: **Extraordinary by Design**

Mission: GPFAA is a school of choice intentionally focused on creating a high achieving, culturally diverse, all-inclusive unique school experience for the artistically and academically talented student.

GPFAA Initiatives:

- Setting the Standards – Academically and Artistically
- Pushing the Boundaries of Public Education
- Capturing Kids/Parents/Community Hearts

What is a School Compact?

A school compact is a written agreement between a school, its parents, and its students. The compact explains what families and schools can do to make a connection for the students between the two worlds they live in, home and school. Parents, students, and the school work together to create a group of ideas that can assist the students with realizing their potential.

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How will we communicate?

Website – https://www.gpisd.org/finearts
Canvas – by teacher
Skyward Gradebook – by student id number
Email – by staff member. Firstname.lastname@gpisd.org
Example: maria.schell@gpisd.org
Facebook Page - Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

AP School Honor Roll 2024

2017-2018 CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS NATIONAL SHOWCASE SCHOOL

U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School 2019