The Rice School Compact

We know that learning can take place when there is a collaboration of effort, interest, and motivation. The Rice School 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 (ESEA), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement. The school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help the students achieve Texas' high academic standards.
This is a promise to work together. We believe that this agreement can be fulfilled by our team effort. Together we can improve teaching and learning. This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2025-2026.

STAFF AT THE RICE SCHOOL WILL:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating child to meet the Texas' student academic achievement standards as follows:

  - Provide a safe environment that is conducive for learning
  - Provide a challenging academic environment to help students reach their full potential
  - Provide highly qualified teachers that are well prepared and equipped with strategies and skills that will make learning interesting and fun
  - Provide students with multiple opportunities to achieve academic success

- Hold parent-teacher conferences in which this compact will be addressed as it relates to the individual child's achievements. This information may be addressed during any of these times:

  - The Rice School Annual Open House
  - Regularly scheduled parent/teacher conferences upon the request of the parent or teacher
  - Various grade-level Parent Information Meetings

- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff by hosting regular parent information meetings. These meeting dates may be posted on the school's website. Information on additional events will be sent out as needed.

- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities. However, before volunteering within the school all parents will need to register on Houston ISD VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools).

STUDENTS OF THE RICE SCHOOL WILL:

- come to class on time every day, ready to learn
- be prepared to work
- adhere to all classroom and school expectations
- demonstrate my best efforts on my class assignments and projects
- complete homework in a timely manner and to the best of my ability
- respect the school, classmates, staff and families
- read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time
- give my parents or guardians all the notices and information received from my school every day

PARENTS OF THE RICE SCHOOL WILL:

- monitor attendance
- make sure that homework is completed
- volunteer in my child's classroom
- participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education
- promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- talk to my child about school and homework assignments daily
- help my child meet his/her responsibilities
- attend parent conferences and student activities
- stay informed about my child's education and communication with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district, either received by my child or mail, and responding, as appropriate