

What Is a Family-School Compact?

The family-school compact describes how Southwest Magnet High School and Law Academy and families can work together to help children achieve the state's high standards. It outlines how parents, staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Our compact describes what the school will provide to students and parents, how communication will take place, and how teachers will help students develop necessary skills. It outlines what strategies families can use at home to support their child's learning.



Jointly Developed

Parents, staff, and students at **Southwest Magnet High School and Law Academy** contributed to the development of this compact. Feedback from surveys, input at meetings, and evaluation of current parent and family engagement practices were all considered. Teachers suggested activities that can take place at home, and parents contributed ideas to make these activities possible. Students offered feedback on what would help them learn.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums are held each year to review the compact, and to make necessary changes. The compact ensures that students are provided with the best opportunity for academic achievement by the school and family working together.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time as the compact will be referenced throughout the year.

Building Partnerships

Southwest Magnet High School and Law Academy are committed to providing families with resources and opportunities for learning to assist parents in working with their child.

Our **Parent Resource Center** (PRC) offers educational games, books and other materials available for parents to borrow for free. **Computers** with Internet access for parental use may be accessed. The PRC is open every school day, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is in the vestibule.

A variety of **Parent and Family Engagement** opportunities and **Family Learning Nights** are offered throughout the year, providing information on topics such as College and Career Readiness, helping your child in Math and Reading, Understanding Tests and Assessments, Helping with Homework, and more. All parents are invited to request specific topics of interest.

A parent electronic newsletter (The Patriot FYI) is emailed twice a week, with news on upcoming Parent and Family Engagement events and other helpful information. Information will also be sent by Parent Square, email, flyers, and phone calls.

Communication about Student Learning

Southwest Magnet High School and Law Academy realize the importance of frequent and specific communication with parents. Interpret available upon request.

Student Report Cards are provided at the end of each semester and can be accessed through Parent Portal.

Student Progress Reports are available every 6 weeks. Information may be accessed through Parent Portal, an online attendance and grade report system.

Opportunities to volunteer, participate and observe will be offered throughout the year. **Parent Teacher Conferences** are available upon request.

Access to Staff through email or phone call is available on our school's website. Please call the school to schedule an appointment with staff at (478) 779-4500.

Southwest High School

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT 2025-2026

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Patriot Pride

Personal Responsibility
Respect
Integrity
Determination
Excellence

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Our Goals 2025-2026

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experiences.

Southwest High School Goals:

- Increase the content mastery as defined by CCRPI from 20.7% to 25.4%

Focus Areas:

To help students become stronger mathematicians and readers, we will focus on the following areas:

Math

- 9th Grade—Algebra I (27.5%)

English Language Arts

- 10th Grade—Literature & Composition II (28.3%).

“We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future.”

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

As a School, We will...

Workshops:

Provide Curriculum Nights and technology workshops with emphasis on strategies such as Close Reading and real-world applications of math, and online support tools including Khan Academy, iReady, Freckle, STAR, Write Score, and Rewards.

Parent Resource Center:

Provide access to resources such as books and other important resources to help support the growth of students. Open 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Summer Resources:

Provide reading and math vocabulary list to support families during the summer months. Also, see School website for other resources for incoming 9th graders as well as upperclassmen.

As Southwest High School Students, We will...

Workshops:

Attend a Curriculum Night with my family. Use Close Reading strategies when I read at home and school. Use online tools such as Khan Academy, iReady, Freckle, STAR, Write Score, and Rewards to support my reading and math at home.

Parent Resource Center:

Inform my parents that a Parent Resource Center exists at the school that we can use to access resources that support my learning and growth.

Summer Resources:

Read during the summer and share new vocabulary I've learned in my conversations with my family.

As a Family, We will...



Workshops:

Attend at least one Curriculum Night and one technology workshop. Use Close Reading and real-world math application strategies to help my child in reading and math. Encourage my child to use online support tools such as Khan Academy, iReady, Freckle, STAR, Write Score, and Rewards.

Parent Resource Center:

Utilize the resources in the Parent Resource Center to build my capacity to help my child grow.

Summer Resources:

Retrieve a copy of the reading and math vocabulary list. Encourage my child to read during the summer months.