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New Jersey Department of Education: Title I School-Parent Compact

School-Parent Compact

The Edith M. Decker Elementary and Mount Arlington Schools 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 improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the challenging State academic standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2026-2027.

Required School-Parent Compact Provisions

School Responsibilities

The Edith M. Decker Elementary and Mount Arlington Schools will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the challenging State academic standards as follows;

The school will provide all students with access to a high-quality, standards-aligned curriculum delivered through evidence-based instructional practices in a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment. Instruction will be differentiated to meet the diverse needs of learners, informed by ongoing assessment and data analysis, and supported through targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities. Teachers will engage in continuous professional learning and collaborative planning to ensure effective instructional practices.

2. Hold a parent-teacher conference during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, that conference will be held;

- 2/16/2027 and 2/18/2027 2:00-4:00
- 2/17/2026 and 2/19/2026 5:30-7:30 *Early Dismissal Days*

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide report cards and Individualized Education Program reports 4 times per year (November,

February, April and June) at the end of each marking period. Parents can access the reports on the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows; school staff will be available to consult with parents through scheduled conferences, email, telephone, and virtual or in-person meetings during regular school hours. Parents may request meetings with teachers, counselors, administrators, and other support staff as needed.

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, during special events that take place during the school day and volunteering with our Parent Teacher Organization.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance. *Students who are absent more than 17 times per school year are chronically absent.*
- Making sure homework is completed when assigned.
- Monitoring the amount of screen time by my children.
- Ensuring students receive a good night's rest.
- Volunteering at my child's school.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district, either received by my child or by mail, and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on school committees.

Student Responsibilities (revise as appropriate to grade level)

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Complete homework as assigned and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at home.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.