

Dothan Preparatory Academy

Student - Parent - Teacher Compact

2026 - 2027

Dothan Preparatory Academy, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) (participating children), 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 state's high standards.

School Responsibilities

Dothan Preparatory Academy will:

1. Provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.
 - a. Highly qualified teachers will use explicit teaching strategies aligned with the Alabama State Course of Study and College and Career Readiness Standards.
 - b. DPA will create an environment that promotes academic excellence and develops a sense of personal responsibility.
 - c. DPA will provide teacher training as new programs are implemented to ensure effective instruction is delivered.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.
 - a. Specifically, those conferences will be held annually for the purpose of informing parents of their school's participation in Title I, the requirements of the law and Tier I parents' right to be involved.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.
 - a. Progress reports are sent out at the middle of each 9 weeks.
 - b. Report cards are sent at the end of each 9-week grading period.
 - c. Parents may access grades by going on the PowerSchool Portal.
 - d. Parent conferences are scheduled as needed in person, or via zoom or phone call.
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.
 - a. Parents have access to staff in person, by phone, or email. Conferences are available upon request.
 - b. PTO Meetings also provide parents with access to staff
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.
 - a. Parents are encouraged to join PTO for access to volunteer opportunities.
 - b. Parents are encouraged to participate in field trips and classroom activities.
 - c. Parents are invited to attend all on campus extracurricular activities and awards ceremonies.
6. Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff and to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.
 - a. Staff members utilize Remind and Blackboard Messenger to communicate with each other.
 - b. Parents are able to communicate with the school via the Facebook App as school events are posted on the App.
 - c. Provide translation services through our migrant/EL liaison for important information.
 - d. Provide school forms in a language that family members can understand.

Parent Responsibilities

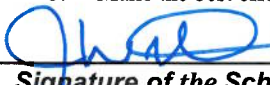
We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

1. Ensure consistent school attendance by the student
2. Encourage students to have good study and work habits, self-discipline, and respect for schools and school personnel
3. Review official interim and report cards from the school at the end of each grading period and schedule conferences with teachers if such reports indicate their child is having difficulty
4. Honor requests for conferences from school officials whenever possible
5. Respond promptly to all requests from the school for information and assistance concerning their child
6. Stay informed of child(ren)'s progress through scheduled parent-teacher conferences, report cards, and communications from the school

Student Responsibilities

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

1. Maintain good attendance.
2. Deliver all report cards and other communications from the school to the parents(s) or guardian(s).
3. Develop good study habits and self-discipline, as well as accept additional help from available educational personnel and parents if experiencing school-related problems.
4. Adhere to all Dothan City Schools policies and Code of Conduct.
5. Make the best effort in taking all tests, including teacher-made, achievement, and standardized assessments.


Signature of the School Principal

Signature of the Parent

Signature of the Student