

SUTTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT • 2026–2027

AT SCHOOL: As a student, I will:

- Arrive by 7:30 a.m., in dress code, prepared, and ready to learn every day.
- Attend school regularly and bring required supplies and completed assignments.
- Listen, follow directions, complete my work, and strive for excellence.
- Read or listen to reading every day and use school learning resources responsibly.
- Show respect to adults, classmates, school property, and the diversity of our Sutton community.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to myself and help maintain a safe learning environment.
- Follow school rules, including the prohibition on cell phone use during the school day.
- Ask for help and report safety, bullying, or other concerns to a trusted adult.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

COMMUNICATION ABOUT LEARNING

Sutton is committed to frequent, two-way communication with families about student learning and progress.

- ParentSquare, notes, phone calls, and teacher communication
- HISD Connect/PowerSchool for grades, enrollment, and student information
- Sutton Elementary website and school updates
- Progress reports/report cards and parent-teacher conferences
- Parent meetings, Title I activities, and family engagement events

STAY CONNECTED

Use HISD Connect/PowerSchool to access student information and grades. Visit the Sutton Elementary website for current school information and follow school communications for updates.

IN THE CLASSROOM: As a teacher/school staff member, I will:

- Provide high-quality instruction and meaningful learning experiences aligned to student needs.
- Create a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment.
- Set high expectations and support students academically, socially, and behaviorally.
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress, attendance, behavior, and ways to support learning.
- Provide opportunities for families to participate in decisions and school activities.
- Offer parent-teacher conferences during available conference times and respond to family concerns.
- Celebrate student growth and partner with families as equal participants in students' education.
- Provide homework assignments to students.
- Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with assignments
- Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress at least every three weeks.
- Facilitate and maintain positive teacher/parent communication through teacher-parent conferences.
- Support parents how to learn different ways that they can help their children to be prepared to succeed in state and district assessments.

Teacher/Staff Signature: _____

AT HOME: As a parent/guardian, I will:

- Make every effort for my child to arrive by 7:30 a.m., in dress code, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Support regular attendance and provide documentation for absences when required.
- Monitor schoolwork, grades, reading, and learning progress.
- Maintain current phone, address, emergency, and authorized pick-up information with the school.
- Support and cooperate in maintaining positive teacher/parent communication.
- Participate in conferences, Title I meetings, family events, workshops, and other school opportunities when possible.
- Support Sutton's school-wide behavior expectations and reinforce respect, responsibility, and safety at home.
- Establish a time for homework.
- Provide a quiet, well-lit place for study.
- Review homework every day.
- Read with my child • Support the school parent organization (PTO), participate in activities that promote student achievement. Serve as a volunteer as possible. Register through VIPS to volunteer

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

OUR SHARED GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sutton Elementary believes student success grows from strong collaboration among students, families, teachers, and the school community.

DISTRICT GOALS

By the year 2030, HISD will implement wholesale systematic reform to significantly narrow achievement gaps and prepare all students for a Year 2035 workplace and world.

District Core Belief

Parent engagement and community support are essential.

SUTTON SCHOOL GOALS

- Provide exceptional educational experiences for all students.
- Strengthen collaboration between teachers and parents as equal partners in children's education.
- Promote student growth in a diverse, inclusive learning environment.
- Increase family engagement and two-way communication.
- Support strong attendance, positive behavior, safety, and readiness to learn.
- Help students become inspired life-long learners who positively impact their community and the world.

SUTTON VISION & MISSION

Vision: Our students will be inspired life-long learners who can engage in opportunities of choice that positively impact their community and the world.

Mission: Our mission is to foster creative minds daily through technology, the arts and collaboration among students, teachers, and parents. Our community develops students' intellectual and moral wellbeing by promoting a diverse, inclusive learning environment.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School hours are Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Instruction begins at 7:30 a.m. Sutton's daily attendance goal is 100%.

OUR COMMITMENT

Together, Sutton students, families, teachers, and staff commit to a respectful partnership focused on learning, attendance, safety, communication, and student growth.

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____

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WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT?

A School-Parent Compact is a shared agreement among families, students, teachers, and school staff. It describes how we will work together to support student learning, achievement, attendance, behavior, and a strong school-family partnership.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED WITH PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Sutton values families as equal partners in children's educational endeavors. Families are encouraged to participate in school meetings, provide feedback, join school activities, and communicate ideas that strengthen student learning and family engagement.

WAYS FAMILIES CAN PARTICIPATE

- Attend parent-teacher conferences and school meetings.
- Participate in Title I, LPAC, ESL, multilingual support, Parents as Leaders, and other parent classes.
- Volunteer through HISD Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS); approval must be renewed annually.
- Participate in PTO and Shared Decision Making Committee opportunities.
- Attend family events such as Meet the Teacher, Grandparent's Day, Newcomer Nights, Donuts/Muffins with Dear Ones, carnivals, ceremonies, book fairs, and GT Expo.

CONTACT

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ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

- Back to School Meeting
- Meet the Teacher
- Grandparent's Day
- Newcomer Nights
- Donuts with Dear Ones / Muffins with Dear Ones
- Fall and Spring Parent Meetings
- Honor Roll & Attendance Ceremony
- GT Expo
- Parent meetings, classes, and volunteer opportunities

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

Students and families are encouraged to set a personal learning goal, monitor progress, and celebrate growth throughout the year.

- Attend school every day possible and arrive ready to learn.
- Read regularly and complete assigned work.
- Use HISD/Sutton learning resources responsibly.
- Follow school-wide expectations: respect yourself, others, and property; listen; follow directions; and complete work.
- Use all digital resources available in Clever to improve Math, Reading, Writing, and Science Skills

My personal learning goal this year is:

To achieve this goal, I will:

FAMILY-SCHOOL CHECK-IN

We will review progress through ongoing communication, grades, conferences, attendance information, and school-family conversations.



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