

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Central Middle School
Knollwood School
Lake Hiawatha School
Rockaway Meadow School

2016-2017

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The Parsippany-Troy Hills School District 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) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the entire school staff, the parents, 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 our children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2016-2017 school year.

School Responsibilities

The Parsippany-Troy Hills School District will:

1. *Provide 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 as follows:*
 - a. Provide the necessary materials for effective instruction and assessment
 - b. Meet individual student needs through a variety of teaching strategies and differentiation of instruction
 - c. Assure that objectives for lessons in all disciplines are based on current curriculum benchmarks aligned to core standards
 - d. Conduct classroom "walkthroughs" as well as formal and informal observations to observe instruction
 - e. Require on-going assessments of student progress and use of appropriate materials
 - f. Utilize mentor teachers and colleague partners to assist new teachers
 - g. Provide an atmosphere that encourages learning and partnership with the school
 - h. Create and maintain a safe and secure environment
 - i. Employ effective classroom management skills
 - j. Encourage and support all personnel to enhance personal and professional skills
 - k. Promote a feeling of belonging for all through social skills and character education development

2. *Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, these conferences will be held:*
 - a. Fall – November 21 & 22 Fall only for Central Middle School
3. *Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide report cards available on Genesis Parent Portal on:*
 - November 18, 2016
 - February 3, 2017
 - April 8, 2017
 - June 22, 2017
4. *Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:*
 - a. By appointment before and after school and during preparation periods
 - b. During scheduled conferences (as listed in #2 above)
 - c. Through website e-mail addresses of all staff
5. *Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and to observe activities:*
 - a. Invitation to special class parties, events, plays, programs, concerts, chaperones for field trips. Elementary schools only
 - b. Membership in Parsippany's Parent-Teacher Association.
 - c. Participation in PTA sponsored school celebrations. Elementary schools only
 - d. Parent Advisory Committee.

Parent Responsibilities

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

- Monitoring attendance and on-time arrival to school of my child
- Ensuring that homework is completed to the best of my child's ability
- Monitoring the amount and quality of television and computer/video games in which my child is engaged
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child'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 (received through my child, by mail, or electronically) from the school or the school district, and responding in a timely and appropriate manner
- Showing respect with my words and actions for my child, other children and their families, the staff, and the school
- Attending parent-teacher conferences to discuss my child's academic progress, behavior and ways I can help my child achieve his/her greatest potential
- Communicate with the school about any changes in address or phone numbers throughout the year

Student Responsibilities

As a student, I will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it
- Read at least 15-30 minutes every day outside of school time
- Give my parent/guardian all notices and information received by me from my school
- Take pride in my school
- Believe that I can and will learn
- Follow the school and classroom rules
- Respect myself and others
- Be responsible for my actions and behaviors every day
- Be a good citizen of the Parsippany-Troy Hills School District