

Home – School Compact for Smithland Elementary School

I understand that my child's success in school depends on my active participation in his/her education. Like the teachers and staff of the school, I also have a critical role to play in ensuring that my child is successful. I acknowledge that the following are my responsibilities, as a parent of a student at Smithland, and this pledge outlines how I may fulfill them:

I will establish a routine in my home that helps my child be prepared for school the next day by:

- Setting a time for homework and provide an appropriate space for him/her to work without distractions.
- Enjoying a regular time of reading with my child in the evenings (suggested time is 20 minutes of reading).
- Helping my child prepare for tests and quizzes.
- Making sure my child gets enough rest every night.
- Making sure my child attends school regularly, on time and in class by 8:45am.
- Checking his/her backpack or folders for important notes from school *each day*.
- Making sure my child eats breakfast at home or at school each day.
- Setting a consistent pick up schedule for my child.

I will be responsible for the behavior of my child outside of our home and teach him/her a strong sense of self-discipline and respect for others.

- I agree to encourage my son/daughter to follow the school rules and teach him or her strong self-discipline.
- When necessary, I will establish consequences for negative behaviors in school and reward positive behaviors.

I will consistently communicate with the school by:

- Knowing the name of my child's classroom teacher.
- Making sure I give the school my most current contact information, so they may contact me quickly in the event of an emergency.
- Responding promptly when the school contacts me.
- Alerting the school when my child is absent.
- Contact the teacher when I have questions or concerns.

I will demonstrate to my child that school is important by

- Making time to attend parent/teacher conferences
- Asking my child to see his/her grades, progress report, school work and report cards
- Attending one or two school activities or special events this year
- Volunteering in the classroom or an after school event, **if possible**

- Having my child attend partial school day, if he/she has a late or early doctor's appointment.

Smithland will facilitate student learning by providing:

- 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. This will be achieved through in-school and division staff development in the areas of literacy and mathematics
- Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences two times per year. These conferences will be held on November 7, 2015 and March 9, 2016.
- Parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports every nine weeks and Interim Reports every 4 1/2 weeks. ELL students will receive individual student proficiency levels in the fall.
- Parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows: parent conferences as needed, phone conferences, email communications, text messages from the principal, and home visits. Teachers also have webpages with class information on the school's website.
- Parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities through the Parent Advisory Council initiatives, evening programs, PTO Meetings, Latino Parent Group, National School Lunch Week, family night events, and field trips.
- Parents with timely information in regards to testing, homework and grade level curriculum.
- Books and other materials to encourage independent reading.
- After School Programs.

As a student, I will share the responsibility by:

- Doing my homework every day and asking for help when I needed.
- Following the school rules and respecting school property.
- Reading at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Giving my parents all important letters from my school every day.
- Showing good responsibility, character and values.
- Putting forth their best effort.

Smithland Elementary School and the families 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 state's high standards. This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2015-2016.

Teacher

Parent

Student

Date

Date

Date