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Warrior Pride!*

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

2018-2019

Rushmore Elementary School, 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) now ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), 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 2018-2019

School Responsibilities

Rushmore Elementary 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:**
 - Endeavor to motivate students to learn.
 - Have high expectations and help every child develop a love of learning.
 - Communicate regularly with families about student progress.
 - Provide a warm, safe, and caring learning environment.
 - Provide meaningful homework assignments to reinforce and extend learning.
 - Participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
 - Actively participate in collaborative decision-making and consistently work with families and school colleagues to make schools accessible and welcoming places for families in order to help each student achieve the school's high academic standards.
 - Respect the school, students, staff, and families of Rushmore Elementary.
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.** Specifically, those conferences will be held during the weeks of October 18, 2017, and March 19, 2018.
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.** Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

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Parents will be able to access student grades at any time using Progress Book online grade book software. Rushmore will provide support to help parents access their account by holding Progress Book training during our conference nights. Report cards will be available online at the conclusion of each quarter.

4. **Provide parents reasonable access to staff.** Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

Teachers and staff may be reached through phone calls, emails, and scheduled face-to-face meetings. Parents may call the office number at 237-6392 to leave a message for teachers to return a phone call or set up a meeting. Teachers are available most mornings from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

5. **Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities,** as follows:

- Rushmore Elementary will solicit input through parent/teacher meetings to schedule school-wide events and parents are invited to volunteer and support those events.
- Parents may volunteer to help in classrooms on a periodic or regular basis. (Parents who work directly with students on a regular basis will need to undergo a security check.)
- Parents are invited to observe classroom activities and are asked to call ahead so that teachers can coordinate the visit with the classroom schedule.
- Parents are invited to call the Rushmore office any time they wish to participate and/or need more information.

Parent Responsibilities

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

- Provide a quiet time and place for homework.
- Read to our child or encourage our child to read every day.
- Communicate with the teacher or the school when we have a concern.
- Ensure that our child attends school every day.
- Monitor our child's progress in school on a regular basis.
- Participate in school activities, volunteer at school and/or attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Communicate the importance of education and learning to our child.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families of Rushmore Elementary.
- Stay informed about our child's education by promptly reading all notices either sent home with our child or mailed from the school or the school district, and communicate with the school by promptly responding to such notices, emails, or automated calls when appropriate.

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Student Responsibilities

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

- Come to school ready to learn and work hard.
- Bring necessary materials, completed assignments, and homework.
- Know and follow school and class rules.
- Ask for help when we need it.
- Communicate regularly with our parents and teachers about school experiences so that they can help us be successful in school.
- Respect the school, classmates, staff, and families of Rushmore Elementary.
- Give to our parents, or the adults who are responsible for us, all notices and information we receive from our school every day.

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