

AMY Northwest Middle School

School-Parent Compact

2020-2021 School Year

Revision Date 05/13/20

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of AMY Northwest Middle School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held April each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and family engagement. This years meeting was held on 5/13/20

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ANCHOR GOALS:

1. 100% of students will graduate, ready for college and career.
2. 100% of 8-year-olds will read on grade level.
3. 100% of schools will have great principals and teachers.
4. SDP will have 100% of the funding we need for great schools, and zero deficit.

AMY Northwest GOALS:

1. At least 25% of students will score at Proficient or Advanced on the Math PSSA.
2. At least 90% of students will have zero out-of-school suspensions.
3. At least 75% of students will earn As and Bs in all core courses.
4. At least 70% of students will score at Proficient or Advanced on the ELA PSSA.

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

AMY Northwest Middle School will:

1. *Hold parent-teacher conferences three times each year during which the individual child's achievement will be discussed with parents. Offer in a zoom / virtual format if needed and appropriate.*
2. *Host a Parent Training either on Technology or Literacy/Online intervention assistance at home at least once during the school year.*
3. *Parents will be provided ongoing reports of student progress during the school year. Parents will be notified of the above times and events via letters and flyers home, parents link messages, and remind me texts. We will also provide parents reasonable access to staff. AMY*

Northwest has an open door policy. Parents can make appointments to see teachers as needed via email and phone scheduling.

4. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's education, as follows:

- Parent volunteers – with clearances and course completion
- Chaperones for class trips – with clearances
- School fundraisers
- Book Fair organization
- Breakfast with the Principal – Students of the month
- Special events and assemblies
- Awards Ceremonies

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Monitor student attendance.
- Monitor student grades- check grade book weekly
- Schedule doctor appointments during off school hours where possible.
- Make sure that homework is completed.
- Check the students agenda books and portfolios.
- Monitor the amount of my child's screen time.
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Stay informed about my child's education and communication with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as the Schools Advisory Council (SAC).

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement, specifically, we will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents all notices and information received by me from my school every day.
- Fill out my agenda book daily with assignments
- Carry and keep my portfolio organized.
- Turn my cell phone off and put away / turn in everyday when I enter the building. Store in cell phone lockers.
- Participate in school-wide initiatives such as PBIS.
- Participate in student leadership roles and take initiative to improve school and community
- Be a positive example for other students and the community.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

AMY Northwest Middle School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- First, second and Third Quarter report card conferences
- Interim reports every six weeks

- *Daily reports when arranged by parent and teacher*
- *Parent/Teacher emails*
- *Telephone calls*
- *Remind me --texts*
- *Schoolnet - Gradebook*
- *Annual IEP meetings*
- *Monthly Attendance Letters*
- *Portfolio - Home/School Communication folders*
- *Agenda completion by students*
- *AMY NW - Social Media*

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ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

AMY Northwest Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- *School Advisory Council*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Parent Workshops*
- *Curriculum Nights*
- *Parent Resource Center*
- *Volunteering*
- *Open House*