**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**

**SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

*The E.C. EMLEN 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) 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* **2016-2017***.*

**REQUIRED SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT PROVISIONS**

**School Responsibilities**

**The E.C. EMLEN School 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:**
	* Classrooms will be staffed with Highly Qualified Teachers
	* Formal and informal data will be used to drive instruction
	* Common Core State Standards will be used to plan instruction
	* Instructional Practices will be implemented in the classroom
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:
	* November 21st-23rd, 2016
	* February 15th-17th, 2017
	* April 19th-21st, 2017
3. **Provide parents with frequent reports on their children’s progress.** Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
	* Interim reports/progress reports every marking period
	* Report Cards each marking period (four times per year)
	* Individual Parent Meetings to inform parents of possible retention
	* Parent Reading/Math Night to review levels and offer home suggestions
	* P.S.S.A. Night to review testing strategies and prepare home suggestions
	* Parent “Homework Help-Reading/Math Workshop” Nights
4. **Provide parents reasonable access to staff.** Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
	* Parents will be scheduled meeting times upon request, allowing reasonable time for teachers to make the necessary provision to meet with the parent/guardian.
	* Parents can meet with staff either before or after school, or during the teacher’s prep period
5. **Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class, and to observe classroom activities**, as follows:
* Parents must first get permission from the classroom teacher and get clearance from the main office
* Parents may volunteer to assist the teacher as long as the appropriate documentation is provided and kept on record in the office
* Parents may visit a classroom to observe activities, however, he/she may not impede instruction
* A Parent may not just go up to a child’s classroom without clearance from the main office

**Parent Responsibilities**

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

* Making sure my child arrives on time and attends school every day
* Making sure that homework is completed, checked and signed
* Monitoring and limiting the amount of television my child watches
* Volunteering in my child’s classroom,
* 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 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 being the Title I Part a parent representative on the school’s School Improvement Team, The Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the Statewide Policy advisory Council, the State’s Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.

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***Student Responsibilities (revise as appropriate to grade level)***

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

* ***Do my Homework/ 100 Book Challenge 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 or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.***

The E.C. EMLEN SCHOOL will:

1. **Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school’s parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.**
2. **Involve parents in the joint development of any school-wide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.**
3. **Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school’s participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.**
4. **Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.**
5. **Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school’s curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children’s progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.**
6. **On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.**
7. **Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.**
8. **Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).**

**To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve**

**the State’s high academic standards, the E.C. EMLEN SCHOOL will:**

1. **Recommend to the Regional No Child Left Behind District Liaison, the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State’s Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.**
2. **Notify parents of the school’s participation in Early Reading First, Reading First and Even Start Family Literacy Programs operating within the school, the district and the contact information.**
3. **Work with the School District of Philadelphia in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.**
4. **Work with the School District of Philadelphia to ensure that a copy of the State Education Agency’s written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title I, Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.**

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**School Parent(s) Student**

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**Date Date Date**

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