

Edward Gideon Elementary School
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School-Parent Compact
2019-2020 School Year
March 22, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Edward Gideon Elementary School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved 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. A parent input meeting was held on March 22, 2019 where parents were invited to give input into the development of this School Parent Compact.

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.

Edward Gideon Elementary School GOALS:

1. At least 60% of students will attend school 95% of days or more.
2. 100% of K-2 students will have zero out-of-school suspensions.
3. At least 60% of students will score at grade level by the Spring aimswebPlus assessment.
4. 100% of students will demonstrate one year of growth through a comparison of Q1 and Q4 independent reading levels.
5. No more than 30% of students will score Below Basic on the Math PSSA.

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Edward Gideon Elementary School will provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students. The school will provide every student with an education aligned to the PA Common Core State Standards regardless of the levels and programs that the students are enrolled in (example special education and ESOL). The school will provide access to interventions in literacy and math to support the academic levels of the students. Assessments will be given to students throughout the year to identify the strengths and weaknesses of students in their academic program.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will send our children to school every day and on time. Parents will ensure that students are dressed in school uniforms and come prepared each day with supplies for school. Parents will ensure that students complete their homework each night and that they check their communication folders. Parents will ensure that their children behave appropriately in school. In an effort to ensure the academic success of students, parents will be responsive to communication efforts of the teachers and staff. Parents will be on time to pick up their children at the end of the school day.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Edward Gideon Elementary School students will be responsible for behaving appropriately, for attending school every day, and for arriving on time. Students will be responsible for completing their homework. Students will be responsible for adhering to the 3 school-wide behavioral expectations: Be responsible, be respectful, and be safe.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Edward Gideon Elementary 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: Back to School Night, which will be held in September, 2019. Interim Reports will be sent home to parents October 22 – 24, 2019; December 17 – 19, 2019; March 10 – 12, 2020; May 13 – 15, 2020. Report Card Conferences will be held November 20 – 22, 2019; February 5 – 7, 2020; April 15 – 17, 2020. Other methods of communication include: homework, attendance letters, parent workshops, Parent Portal and Class Dojo. Parents may also receive phone calls, text messages, and emails regarding their children’s learning. For students who are receiving additional supports and services, such as special education or ESOL, the parents will also receive communication from these teachers as well.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Edward Gideon Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families. SAC (school advisory council) meetings are held monthly and welcome all parents to attend. Family Night will be held in the Fall to include families in learning activities surrounding literacy and math. Parent workshops are held monthly on literacy and math topics. The Book Fair is hosted two times each year to help parents expand their home libraries for the children. **Additionally, Gideon school works with local Pre-Ks for Kindergarten Open House and registrations. The school coordinates with the District’s Family & Community Engagement Office to provide support to parents and families.**