

Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences Elementary School

School-Parent Compact

2020-2021 School Year

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of the **Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences Elementary School** partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring 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.

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.

JENKS ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCES SCHOOL'S GOALS:

1. At least 75% of students will earn A's and B's in all core courses.
2. No more than 25% of 3rd grade students or 9% of 4th-8th grade students will score Below Basic on the Reading PSSA.
3. No more than 20% of students will score Below Basic on the Math PSSA.
4. For every student group, at least 85% of Kindergarten and 60% of 1st and 2nd grade students will score at target by the Spring AIMSWeb assessment.
5. For all student groups, at least 85% of Kindergarten and 70% of 1st and 2nd grade students will make at least one year's worth of growth, as evidenced by their independent reading levels in Q1 and Q4.
6. At least 70% of students will attend 95% or more of school days, and no more than 4% of students will attend less than 85% of days.
7. At least 95% of students will have 0 out-of-school suspensions.

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences Elementary School will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment. Teachers will become skilled in using the District's core curriculum, especially the best practices picture window to craft lessons that instruct students at a proficient level. Together with their colleagues and the leadership team, teachers will analyze data from various assessments to measure students' progress towards proficiency and adapt teaching when necessary.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress during report card conferences and daily reports (as needed).
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's teacher via phone calls, emails, or in person meetings by setting up an appointment in advance.
- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities after prior arrangement with the principal.
- Host Family Literacy/Math Night events where families will receive strategies for at-home activities.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Monitor attendance.
- Make sure that homework is completed.
- Monitor the amount of television watched.
- Appropriately participate 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 communicate 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.
- Serve, to the extent possible, on the HSA/SAC.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students will:

- Arrive on time and be prepared to participate in lessons.
- Follow school rules.
- Do homework every day and ask for help when needed.
- Return completed assignments on time.
- Be a cooperative learner and carry out the teacher's instructions and directions.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give parents or guardians all notices and information sent home by school everyday.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences 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:

- Monthly calendars
- Periodic flyers/letters sent home
- Phone calls/robocalls
- School website
- Parent and Family Portal
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Scheduled meeting with staff
- Communication folders
- Home and school meetings
- Friends of Jenks meetings
- Principal Coffee Hour meetings

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Jenks Academy for the Arts and Sciences Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- Back to School Night event
- Kindergarten Open House events
- Home and School Association meetings
- Friends of Jenks meetings
- Monthly Principal Coffee Hour meetings
- Parent/Family workshops
- Fall, Winter, Spring Title I Parental Input meetings
- Volunteer Orientation and volunteer opportunities
- Parent and Family Resource Rack in the lobby by the main entrance
- School tours
- Realtor tours
- Various school-wide events such as student-led performances, shows, field day, etc

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