



The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush

School-Parent Compact

2018-2019 School Year

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The Parents, students, and staff of The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers, parents and caregivers, and 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 result in meeting and /or exceeding the States' standard for academic achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held [specify time of year] 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.

THE ARTS ACADEMY AT BENJAMIN RUSH GOALS:

- **Greater than 80% of 9th grade students will be on track to earn a minimum of 5 quality credits.**
- **At least 95% of 12th grade students will be on track for graduation.**
- **At least 90% of students will have 0% out of school suspensions.**
- **At least 60% of students will attend 95% or more of school days. No more than 15% of students will attend less than 85% of school days.**

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction including AP Courses, Honors Courses, Blended Learning and Grade Improvement opportunities in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet the state's student academic standards of achievement.
- Communicate with parents/caregivers regarding student progress regularly via SIS gradebook, phone, email, and during quarterly report card conferences.
- Provide students and parents reasonable access to staff via phone or in person before, after, or during school as agreed upon by both teacher and parent.
- Provide opportunities for parents/caregivers to volunteer in many capacities such as sharing expertise and talent, chaperoning trips, volunteering in the lunchroom, the library, or during special events with proper clearances.
- Enable students to establish and maintain clubs with teacher sponsors and student interest.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Support instruction by encouraging students to be in school every day and scheduling all appointments after school hours.
- Monitor student attendance and progress by regularly logging into the parent portal on Infinite Campus, which can be accessed through the school district website.
- Call the school when necessary and refrain from texting or calling a student's cell phone during school operating hours 7:50AM to 2:54PM.
- Become familiar with all class syllabi, the Student Handbook, and The School District of Philadelphia's Student Code of Conduct.
- Check school's website and calendar frequently for information, important documents, and upcoming events.
- Monitor students' extra-curricular activities and their use of social media as outlined in the district Student Code of Conduct.
- Serve on our School Advisory Council, attend Home and School Association / SAC monthly Meetings, and volunteer to assist with at least one event, trip, or performance each year.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as students, will:

- Be present, punctual, respectful, and involved in school activities.
- Adhere to dress code and all expectations outlined in the Student Handbook.
- Utilize technology and social media responsibly.
- Demonstrate academic integrity and honesty.

- Act in a civil manner that respects the school and social environment as outlined in the Student Handbook and in the School District of Philadelphia’s Student Code of Conduct.
- Communicate in a careful and respectful manner with teachers, peers, and all members of the school community.
- Demonstrate our commitment to our education by completing all school assignments on time, to the best of our ability, with attention to quality.
- Provide all notices and information distributed at school to parents/caregivers.
- Respect the various views of our diverse student population.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush 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:

- **SIS Infinite Campus School Messenger System**
- **Parent Portal**
- **Interim Reports and Report Cards**
- **Report Card Conferences**
- **Website: rush.philasd.org**
- **Email, Phone, and in person Meetings with Teachers**

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- **SAC (School Advisory Council) Monthly Meetings: First Tuesday of each month**
- **Parent / Teacher Conferences**
- **Open House / Welcome Night / Back to School Night: Title 1 Meeting**
- **Home and School Membership and Monthly Meetings**
- **Parent Workshops on Financial Aid and Obtaining Clearances for Volunteering**
- **Parent Computer Access**
- **Monthly Tips Brochure for Parents / Caregivers**