



***South Philadelphia High School
School-Parent Compact
2020-2021 School Year
Revision Date 5/12/20***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The Parents, students, and staff of Southern High 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. This year, the parent input meeting was held on May 12, 2020. 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.

South Philadelphia High School's GOALS:

1. **At least 75% of 9th grade students will be on track to earn a minimum of 5 quality credits each marking period.**
2. **Increase the number of students scoring proficient or advanced on the Literature Keystone by 8%.**
3. **At least 90% of 9th grade students will have 0 out of school suspensions.**
4. **At least 50% of students will attend 95% of days or more.**
5. **At least 95% of 12th grade students will be on track for graduation.**

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

South Philadelphia High School will do the following:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables students to meet the State’s student academic achievement standards.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss the individual child’s achievement.
- Provide parents with frequent reports on their children’s progress.
- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff.
- Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class, and to observe classroom activities

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will do the following:

- Acknowledge that I/we have viewed or a copy of the teachers’ syllabi for each class on their child’s roster/schedule.
- Participate in “Back to School Night” and attend a parent-teacher conference when offered by the School and/or its Teachers.
- Stay informed about my child’s education (i.e. grades through Parent Portal) 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.
- Provide and update my email and phone information in order to provide a platform for teachers and school staff to keep me informed.
- Volunteer in my child’s classroom, attend school events, and participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child’s education.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

SPHS students will do the following:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Read, sign, and keep a copy of my teachers’ syllabi for each class on my roster
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or guardian all notices and information from school.
- Take advantage of after-school tutoring programs.
- Come to school every day on time.
- Be respectful to all.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

South Philadelphia High 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:

- *Interim Reports*
- *Check and Reflect Reports*
- *Parent Portal*
- *Text Messages*
- *Monthly Calendar*
- *Website*
- *Phone Calls & Robocalls*
- *Flyers*
- *Emails*

- *Parent Conferences*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

South Philadelphia High School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- *School Advisory Councils*
- *Workshops/Trainings*
- *Open House*
- *Parent Resource Room*
- *Parent Observation*
- *Parents can reach out to our School Improvement Support Liaison and Parent Engagement Liaison*