

School Parent Compact

The staff members at Venture Academy, and the parents of the students participating in programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), understand that this compact outlines how the parents, the school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement including meeting the State's high academic standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2016-2017.

School Responsibilities

Venture Academy staff will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's academic achievement standards as follows:

- Teaching the curriculum
- Using effective teaching strategies, including active pedagogy as used by Expeditionary Learning Schools
- Using differentiated instructional strategies
- Acknowledging and taking advantage of different learning styles
- Providing a safe learning environment for all children to learn

Teachers will provide parents an initial progress report early in the semester and formal feedback at least once each semester regarding their child's academic achievement. Teachers will also discuss progress at student-led conferences at least once each semester. Staff members will be available to meet with parents for additional conferences where necessary or otherwise appropriate. Any parent needing an alternative schedule for conferences can call the school to make other arrangements.

Parents may work with the teacher, assistant, or parent crew leader to work out mutually agreeable volunteer time. Volunteer tasks may include but are not limited to:

- Reading with children
- Working individually with children
- Helping students complete assignments

Parent Responsibilities

Parents will support their children's learning by:

- Helping maintain regular attendance
- Making sure that homework is completed
- Assisting where appropriate in making decisions relating to their child's education
- Attending student-led parent conferences
- Keeping communication open by promptly reading all the notices from the school
- Providing feedback on programs and practices

Student Responsibilities

Students will support their learning by:

- Attending school regularly and on time
- Completing assignments and homework
- Bringing homework and supplies to school each day
- Working to the best of their ability
- Working cooperatively with classmates, teachers and staff
- Respecting themselves, others, and the school
- Following all school rules
- Accepting responsibility for their own actions