

Dear Highland School Family,

A child's education is a process which requires the active participation of the student, his/her family and the school community. A Home School Learning Compact is a written agreement between the school, parents and student which defines each of our responsibilities and the actions we will take to help our children succeed at school. Compacts are required for schools receiving Title 1 funds.

This learning compact has been developed for Highland School by a team of parents, teachers and administrators. Completing this compact signifies your willingness to be an active participant in your child's education. We recognize that many parents already understand and more than fulfill these responsibilities.

A learning compact provides an excellent opportunity to talk with your child about the importance of education and his/her responsibilities at home and at school. Please sign and return the parent section of the colored copy and ask your child to sign the student section. The white copy may be kept for your records.

Thank you for your consideration of this compact.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carrier  
Principal

Mrs. Sheila Conroy  
Title 1 Supervisor

Mrs. Vicki Netzer  
Title 1 Family Involvement

## THE GOALS OF THIS COMPACT

The Highland School Learning Compact focuses on four goals which are important to your child's school success:

- ⇒ Improving basic skills
- ⇒ Motivating students to study
- ⇒ Increasing student attendance
- ⇒ Promoting positive behavior

## YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS

Research has proven that family involvement in education is an important indicator of children's academic success. Supporting your child's education is easier than you may think. We know that you are busy, but the time you spend helping your child to be a better student is one of the most important investments you can make. Your child is more likely to succeed if you:

- ⇒ Get to know your child's teachers.
- ⇒ Help your child study at home.
- ⇒ Attend school activities when you can.
- ⇒ Show your child that school is important.

Title 1 is federal aid program for schools. The goal of Title 1 is to ensure a high-quality education for every child, by providing extra help to students who need it most. Your school qualifies for a schoolwide Title 1 project. This means that in addition to small group instruction, Title 1 funds may also be used to address overall school improvement. Therefore, **all Highland students are considered Title 1 students.**

For more information on the Title 1 Program, or if you have questions, comments or suggestions about this Learning Compact, please contact us:

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# HIGHLAND SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT

## 2009—2010

for

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(student)



**Public Law 103-382, The Improving America's Schools Act, Section (d), "Shared Responsibilities for High Student Performance":**

*"...each school served under this part shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards."*



**Highland School is committed to helping your child reach his/her potential by:**

- ⇒ Providing a safe, positive learning environment for every child
- ⇒ Setting firm, fair safety and discipline policies
- ⇒ Providing high quality curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- ⇒ Being aware of the individual needs of each child
- ⇒ Assigning meaningful homework with clear directions, and returning it promptly
- ⇒ Regularly communicating with you and your child to support his/her learning progress
- ⇒ Offering opportunities for families to participate in school life and school decisions
- ⇒ Participating in training to promote effective partnerships with families
- ⇒ Helping parents to support learning and positive behavior at home
- ⇒ Being sensitive to the cultural diversity of Highland School

To be filled in by teacher

An important goal for your child this year is:

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**Teacher**



**As a parent/guardian I will support my child's learning by:**

- ⇒ Discussing with my child the importance of working hard to get the most out of school
- ⇒ Discussing with my child, and holding him/her accountable for, appropriate behavior
- ⇒ Respecting the cultural diversity of Highland School families and staff
- ⇒ Making sure my child attends school on a regular basis and arrives on time
- ⇒ Monitoring my child's progress and supervising completion of assignments
- ⇒ Providing a quiet place for my child to read / study
- ⇒ Reading with my child daily and encouraging writing opportunities
- ⇒ Encouraging opportunities to think mathematically and solve problems using math skills
- ⇒ Communicating regularly with my child and Highland staff, so I am aware of what my child is learning and accomplishing
- ⇒ Encouraging my child's participation in school activities and events
- ⇒ Participating in school activities whenever possible

To be filled in by parent

I will make a special effort to work with my child to

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**Parent/Guardian**



**As a student I will be an active learner by:**

- ⇒ Being responsible for my own behavior and treating my classmates and teachers with respect
- ⇒ Respecting the cultural diversity of the students and staff of Highland School
- ⇒ Working hard to do my best in class and to complete homework assignments
- ⇒ Attending school regularly and on time
- ⇒ Discussing with my family what I am learning in school and bringing home my work to share with them
- ⇒ Keeping my family informed of school events by bringing home notices
- ⇒ Reading at home for pleasure every day
- ⇒ Asking for help when I have problems with my school work

To be filled in by student

This year I am going to work hard to

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**Student**