



School-Parent Compact
Smith Farm Elementary School
School Year 2022 - 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Smith Farm Elementary School students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for student academic achievement. This compact also describes how the school and parents will partner together to help children achieve state standards.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Smith Farm Elementary 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 of 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 annual Title I parent survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies.

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.

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY SCHOOLS' GOALS:

WS/FCS will raise student achievement, close achievement gaps and enable all students to take ownership of their learning.

WS/FCS will ensure equal and equitable access to quality instruction and strive to eliminate barriers to rigorous and diverse opportunities. WS/FCS will provide quality instructional facilities and learning environments for all students.

WS/FCS will build and strengthen partnerships and communication with families, local businesses, educational organizations, community agencies and advocacy groups in order to engage families and community stakeholders in the entire educational process for all students.

WS/FCS will recruit and retain a highly effective and diverse workforce that supports district goals to ensure excellence for all.

WS/FCS will foster an inclusive climate that values the safety and well-being of all students, faculty and staff and foster an environment that creates a sense of belonging.

SMITH FARM ELEMENTARY'S GOALS:

Our School Improvement Plan includes goals to raise student achievement across all subgroups by 10% in reading and math. A goal to increase family engagement is also included. In order to meet these goals, our school will do the following in the 22-23 school year:

- Focus on teaching academic vocabulary across all subject areas and grade levels*
- Support students socially and emotionally by implementing the 2nd Steps curriculum*
- Provide training for staff members in recognizing and eliminating racial biases in the classroom and teaching culturally diverse students*

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Smith Farm Elementary will:

- Provide parents with digital resources for students to work at home, such as Canvas Raz Kids, including all access and login information*
- Provide books and print materials for students to read 20 minutes nightly*
- Train parents in how to access Parent Portal and Canvas*
- Share information about our school achievement goals and how parents can support those goals at home*

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Commit to spending 20 minutes each night in reading activities*
- Read or listen to information that is shared with parents from the school*
- Set up parent accounts in Parent Portal and Canvas and check student assignments and grades*
- Assist children with logging into accounts at home*
- Provide a supportive at home environment for students to learn*
- Reach out to the school any time we have a question or concern*

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students at Smith Farm will:

- Bring home books and/or devices from school to read for 20 minutes each night*
- Provide parents and caregivers with any print materials sent from school*
- Write assignments and expectations in their planner each day (grades 2-5)*
- Ask teachers and parents for help in order to complete assignments*
- Share information with my family using my Data Notebook and how I am progressing towards meeting my goals*

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Smith Farm Elementary is committed to clear, frequent communication with families about children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- *Parent Portal - Grades, attendance information*
- *Canvas - Announcements, assignments, contact information*
- *Parent-Teacher conferences - quarterly and upon request*
- *Weekly folders - printed information, completed assignments*
- *Phone calls*
- *Email*
- *School website and Class Dojo*
- *Sharing what students are learning ahead of-Quarterly learning*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Smith Farm Elementary offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families. We encourage families to participate in the following activities:

- *Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)*
- *Student Performances*
- *School Improvement Team Meetings*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Curriculum Nights*
- *Multicultural Night*
- *Volunteering*
- *Open House*
- *Special Events (Festivals, Special Programs, Awards Ceremonies, Math night, etc.)*

Once finalized, you will be able to click on this link to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

School Representative Signature: ***Brooke Preslar, Principal***

Date: June 10, 2022