

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Importance of Attendance
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe and participate in the classroom.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents and staff of Ward Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, or observe in the classroom, please contact the school.

WHEN TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES WORK TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS!!!

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

Join us throughout the year:

- Back-To-School Night
- PTA Meetings/Events
- Parent Educational Workshops
- Open House
- School Site Council (SSC) Meetings
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meetings

YOUR SUPPORT AND INPUT ARE VALUED AND INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED!

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Ward Elementary 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:

- Notes or phone calls
- Updates on the school website
- Class meetings on understanding student progress
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ClassDojo
- Social Media



Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (562-904-3591) or email. E-mail addresses are on the school Web site at www.dusd.net/ward

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

2023-2024



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OUR GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DISTRICT GOAL

By June 2023, 90-100% of all students will perform at grade level or higher and upon graduation meet the requirements for entrance into the UC and CSU System.

SCHOOL GOALS

By June 2023, we will continue to increase the number of students reaching proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Our focus in English Language Arts will be:

- To enable students to thoroughly and accurately cite evidence from the text they read and apply it across the curriculum
- To encourage students to become proficient in building and transferring their academic vocabulary from grade to grade
- Writing will emphasize evidence from sources to inform or make an argument

Our focus in Mathematics will be:

- Make connections across grade levels to build understanding
- Explain and demonstrate strategies used when solving math problems
- Strengthen efficiency and accuracy in calculations

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TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS – TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

At School

The Ward staff will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and mathematics. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Communicate regularly with parents regarding current academic programs and be accessible to parents/guardians to discuss questions or concerns
- Provide materials and information to help parents support the school's academic program

Offer fun family workshops:

- Literacy - Provide parents with strategies and resources on how to read with or listen to their child read and interact with text
- Math – Provide parents with strategies and resources on how to help their child solve real-world math problems in a variety of ways

At Home

Ward School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and mathematics.

- Discuss and review your child's school work nightly and contact the teacher with questions or concerns
- Read and use the classroom materials and information to support your child's learning at home
- Read with or listen to your child read every day. Attend the family fun literacy workshops and use the strategies learned to improve your child's literacy skills.
- Involve your child in solving real-world math problems every day. Attend the family fun math workshop and use the strategies learned to improve your child's mathematic skills.

Ward Students

Ward School students know the importance of being responsible. A responsible student will come to school every day on time, prepared and ready to learn. To make connections between learning at home and at school, Ward students will:

- Take home, review, and discuss schoolwork and materials nightly with parents/guardians
- Ask for help when they have trouble with their schoolwork
- Participate in classroom discussions and group work
- Read to/with and discuss the text with an adult for 20-30 minutes every day
- Use strategies learned in class to solve real-world math problems

AS TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS, WARD WILDCATS WILL EXEMPLIFY AND MODEL THE SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER, EVERYWHERE AND ALL THE TIME!