



Cambridge City Schools

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SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT

Cambridge Middle School (CMS) and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), agree that this School-Family Compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards (ESSA, Section 1116(d)).

Comments and/or suggestions for future revisions to this Compact should be shared during the CMS Title I Annual Building Meeting. This School-Family Compact is in effect during **2019-2020** school year.

School Responsibilities

Cambridge Middle School understands the importance of the school experience to every student along with the responsibility of being an educator and role model. Therefore, CMS will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that prepares and enables the participating children to meet the state's student academic achievement standards.
 - CMS will provide students with high-quality curriculum and instruction in a safe, supportive, and effective learning environment through the use of evidence-based strategies and differentiated instruction.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss the individual student's achievement.
 - Scheduled conference opportunities will be held in the fall (November) and spring (March) as indicated on the School-Parent Compact magnet.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.
 - Interim (progress reports) – midway through each quarter
 - Report cards – quarterly
 - Progress Book – online, anytime, parent access to student grades
 - Notes to parents
 - Conferences
 - Phone calls
 - English language translations and interpretations for our ESL families on an as-needed basis
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff for consultation.
 - Phone calls/messages – the CMS Office phone number is 740-435-1140
 - Face-to-face meetings as requested and scheduled
 - Classroom visitations and observations as requested and scheduled
 - Email correspondence
 - When necessary, interpreters will be provided for our ESL families
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom activities.
 - Monthly CMS Newsletters – listing activities and CMS happenings for the month
 - PTAG Meetings – held monthly
 - Chaperoning field trips, as board approved
 - Special school events, as approved
 - General classroom help, contact the school office

Parent Responsibilities

As a parent, I understand that participation in my child's education will help his/her academic achievement and attitude. I will support my student's learning to the best of my ability in the following ways:

1. Do everything possible to provide a home environment that will encourage and stimulate learning –
 - Discuss what was learned at school each day because I understand how important it is to talk with my child.
 - Provide a quiet time and place for homework – away from distractions
 - Read to my child or encourage my child to read every day
 - Provide positive reinforcement for academic achievement
 - Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child
 - Respect the school building, staff, students, and families of CMS
 - Monitor my child's progress in school on a regular basis
2. Communicate regularly with my child's school and teacher –
 - Stay informed by promptly reading all notices sent home with my child or mailed from the school; communicate with CMS by promptly responding to such notices, emails, or automated calls when appropriate.
 - Review homework, report cards, and other forms of school communication
 - Develop and maintain an open and positive relationship with my child's teacher
 - Participate in parent-teacher conferences
 - Attend school functions and activities on a regular basis as my schedule allows
 - Volunteer at school as my schedule allows
3. Remind my child of the importance of discipline, especially self-discipline –
 - Reinforce appropriate school behavior
 - Emphasize the importance of being well prepared for school by having the necessary school supplies and completing homework assignments on time
4. See to it that my child is in school every day as long as he/she is healthy –
 - I understand the relationship between regular school attendance and successful academic performance
 - Communicate with my child's teacher or the CMS Principal when I have a concern

Student Responsibilities

To the best of my ability as a student, I will share in the responsibility to improve my academic achievement in order to attain the state's high standards. Specifically, I will:

1. Come to school regularly and on time – ready to learn
2. Do daily work and homework that is neat and reflects my best effort
3. Know and follow school and class rules
4. Ask for help when I need it
5. Give to my parent(s) or guardian(s) all notices and information I receive from my school every day
6. Show respect to myself, other students, staff, and school property