

Community Compact for Education: a Sample

Intent

We, the parents of City, State, in order to provide prosperity for our community and secure the blessings of liberty for our children do establish this Community Compact for Education.

View

We hold these truths to be self-evident, (1) that all people are brought into this world by their parents, (2) that these parents are responsible for the education and upbringing of their children, (3) that public schools are established to assist the parents, (4) that schools, parents, and the whole community must present a unified commitment to moral standards for the moral education of the children, (5) that the lessons of liberty must be imparted within education to safe-guard their liberty, (6) that culture must be promoted to ennoble their spirit, (7) and that the torch of civilization is passed on from one generation to another through education.

Speech

We parents, for the benefit of our children, pledge to watch our words and encourage our children to watch their words. We pledge to speak kindly and respectfully to all people, to speak encouraging words with a positive tone, and to speak well of education and culture. We pledge to avoid criticizing other people to our children, to avoid complaining, to avoid petty scheming, and to avoid coarse and vulgar language. We will instill a love of learning and scholarship in our children, a sense of high standards, and a desire to succeed.

We parents will exhort each other to maintain these common standards.

Actions

We parents will tell our children that we do not steal, we do not cheat, and we do not hurt other people, and we expect our children to follow our example. We will tell this to our children all the way through school, from Kindergarten to 12th grade. We will live up to this standard and hold them to the same standard.

We parents will watch over our children's education. If the schools do not teach phonics, we will teach phonics to our children. If the schools do not teach mastery of math facts, vocabulary, or penmanship, then we will tutor our children ourselves or get tutoring for them. We parents will collaborate by sharing ideas, information, and resources, including tutoring, social networks, and websites.

We parents will vote every year in school board elections and expect our Board of Trustees to set goals and keep them. We will insist our Trustees direct the Superintendent to correct deficiencies in curriculum and staffing, knowing we can replace ineffective Trustees.