

## **MAHNOMEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – PARENT COMPACT**

Mahnomen Elementary and the parents of Mahnomen Elementary students agree this compact outlines how they 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.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the **2017-2018** school year.

### **School Responsibilities**

Mahnomen Elementary will:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:

The school and teachers will communicate with parents regarding curriculum, standards, and assessments through articles in the city newspaper, school weekly newsletters, classroom bi-monthly or monthly newsletters, and district quarterly newsletters. Information is also available on the district's web site.

2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, these conferences will be held:

November 7th/9th and February 8th/13th. The compact will be discussed during the November conferences.

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

Parents will be informed of their child's progress through quarterly report cards, which will be mailed to them, and intermediate grade mid-term reports, which will also be mailed to parents. When there is special concern about a student's progress, direct contact will be made with the parents in order to discuss the situation. Direct contact will be done through phone calls, emails, letters, and face-to-face meetings. Parents can also access their child's grades through the district website.

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer, participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

- Parents can call anytime to request a meeting with their child's teachers and arrange to observe classroom activities.
- Parents will be invited to become involved with the Parent Teacher Organization as well as participate in handbook revisions, Title Advisory, and other advisory committees.
- The school will send weekly newsletters home informing parents about school events.
- The school web site is available to all parents regarding school activities and events as well as areas and events where volunteers are needed.
- Primary teachers send out weekly newsletters to parents and Intermediate teachers will send out monthly newsletters. Included in the newsletters will be activities where volunteers are needed.
- All staff are available through e-mail contact

### **Family Agreement**

Because I love and care about my child, I want him/her to achieve. Therefore, I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

Send my child to school ready to learn.

Ensure that my child attends school regularly and on time.

Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline  
Stay informed about my child's education and communicate with the school as appropriate.  
Attend parent/teacher conferences.  
Guide my child to make healthy choices.  
Consider volunteering at my child's school.