

# McHenry High School

## School-Parent Compact

*The staff of McHenry High School and the parents of its students agree that this compact outlines how the staff, parents, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the staff and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve the State's high standards.*

### SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

*The staff of McHenry High School will:*

**Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction** in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating students to meet the State's student academic achievement standards by:

- Engaging students in active learning;
- Utilizing research-based teaching techniques;
- Examining and adjusting practices according to relevant and current educational research;
- Aligning courses to national and state standards;
- Providing programs for all levels of students;
- Providing thoughtful and meaningful assignments so students can practice acquired skills and knowledge;
- Preparing students for state standardized tests and post-secondary opportunities.

**Communicate student achievement and progress with parents** by:

- Updating PASS weekly;
- Reporting student progress three times per semester;
- Providing semester Report Cards;
- Notifying parents by phone or email when a student's grade settles to a D or F.

**Maintain reasonable access for parents and students** by:

- Holding Parent-teacher Conferences in the Fall;
- Providing names and responsibilities of Student Service Personnel including counselors, social workers, psychologists, deans, etc.;
- Posting email addresses on the school website;
- Updating, as necessary, important information on the school website;
- Conducting Parent/Student/Administration conferences upon request;
- Responding to parent emails or phone calls within 2 school days.
- Ensuring reasonable access and open hours for student to seek out additional help.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

*As a parent of a McHenry High School student, I share in the responsibility for my child's education. My goals will be to engage my child's curricular and co-curricular endeavors, and to stress the importance of education. I will support my child's learning, while gradually increasing students' independence and responsibility.*

*As a parent of a student enrolled at McHenry High School, I will:*

### **Ensure that my student is focused on his/her academic achievement** by:

- Dialoguing with my child about learning;
- Encouraging my child's preparation for state standardized testing;
- Reinforcing the importance of performing well on all assignments and assessments;
- Helping my child transfer learning to real-world applications;
- Staying informed on my child's education.

### **Discuss the importance of social obligations and decisions** by:

- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time;
- Monitoring for significant changes in my student's behavior and attitudes;
- Getting to know the students my child associates with, and meeting their parents, creating an open line of communication to better monitor out-of-school activities.

### **Familiarize myself with district communication and staff** to help support my student and check his or her progress by:

- Monitoring my student's attendance, homework completion, internet usage, *including the sites visited*, television viewing, *including the quality of the programs viewed*, and grades and attendance *through PASS*;
- Getting to know my child's guidance counselor;
- Promptly reading all notices from the school, or the school district, either received by my child or by mail and responding when necessary;
- Checking the school website for upcoming events, important information, and emergency information.

### **Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's future** by:

- Having frequent conversations with my child about future plans.

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

*I will engage in academic and/or extracurricular activities to grow as a person. I accept responsibility to improve myself academically and to work to develop the necessary skills to be an active citizen and a life-long learner.*

*As a student enrolled at McHenry High School, I will:*

**Commit to my academic success** and work to grow as a learner by:

- Doing my assignments and work when required and completing work within the necessary time frame;
- Admitting when I need help and seeking out assistance;
- Reading at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time;
- Engaging in the educational process through participation;
- Preparing myself for state standardized tests;
- Preparing myself for post high-school requirements like: college admission examples, career proficiency tests, etc.

**Maintain my personal integrity** and challenge my peers to follow suit by:

- Embodying the Warrior Ethos - Excellence & Ethics and ***Embracing the Way of the Warrior!***

**Contribute positively to the school culture and school community** by:

- Following all school rules as outlined in the student handbook;
- Respecting my peers and treat them as I would like to be treated;
- Respecting teachers and staff and follow their directions;
- Respecting my school by cleaning up after myself;
- Giving my parents, or the adult who is responsible for my welfare, all notices and information received by me from my school.

**Assume responsibility for my future** including setting personal and career goals by:

- Attending informational presentations offered through guidance that help outline potential career paths;
- Creating post high school portfolios with guidance that demonstrate an exploration of career opportunities and interests (for example Career Cruising);
- Discussing with parents, teachers, and community members about my future opportunities;
- Developing a high school plan of action for my post-secondary endeavors.