

West Side Elementary School

Title I Home School Compact

2020-2021

West Side School, in partnership with parents and community members, is committed to providing equal educational opportunities in a safe, respectful environment to ensure the success of all students. We believe this can be done with the planned partnership of parents, families, community members, teachers and administrators.

School Responsibilities

West Side School will:

Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment, virtually or in-person, that enables the participating children to meet the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards.

Therefore, we will:

- Provide a safe and caring learning environment where your child will begin to be responsible for his/her own behavior and learning.
- Recognize individual strengths of children.
- Help your child follow school and classroom rules as well as netiquette rules during online learning.
- Assign homework as described in the West Side homework policy and provide home/school links for students.

Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:

- Thursday, October 1, 2020 (12:30-3:30 PM) AND Friday, October 2, 2020 (12:30-3:30 PM)
- Wednesday, March 10, 2021 (12:30-3:30 PM) AND Thursday, March 11, 2021 (12:30-3:30 PM)
- Other conferences are available by appointment at the parent / teacher request at a mutually convenient time. Please call 301-724-0340 to make an appointment.

Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.

- Communicator Folders will be sent home *daily* when in person, one grade per subject each week will be entered in Aspen.
- Report Cards will be available on Aspen quarterly and will be available in hard copy by request.
- Email or phone contacts.
- The school will work to provide information to parents of English learners in a language family members can understand.

Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

- Teachers 8:00 – 8:30 AM and 3:15 – 3:30 PM **by appointment OR** from 2:30-3:30 PM *during online learning*
- Administration
- Reading / Math Specialist
- School Counselor
- School Licensed Social Worker

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

- Science Fair
- Family Nights
- Math Day
- Field Trips
- Various grade level activities throughout the year allow parents to volunteer and work in the classroom.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Days

Provide ways parents may participate on decision-making teams:

- Leadership Team
- Family Engagement Team
- Title I Parent Committee

Parent / Guardian Responsibilities

I want my child to achieve. Therefore, I will strive to do the following:

- Support my child's efforts by having high expectations.
- Read and respond to school information in the Communicator Folder.
- Establish a time and a place for homework, review homework regularly, and sign the assignment notebook.
- Communicate with the school about my child's progress.
- Attend parent / teacher conferences as a valued team member to support my child's learning.
- Volunteer and participate in decision making at the school.
- Read with my child, provide my child with opportunities for self-selected reading, and allow my child to see me choose reading as a worthwhile activity at home.
- Make sure my child attends school regularly and arrives on time, and is prepared for learning both virtually and in person.
- Limit my child's screen time.

Student Responsibilities

It is important that I work to the best of my ability. Therefore, I will strive to do the following:

- Attend school regularly and strive to arrive on time both virtually and in person..
- Come to school ready to learn, with a positive attitude, and follow set netiquette rules while online.
- Take the Communicator Folder to an adult to read and respond to all notes and letters from school.
- Complete and return class and homework assignments on time and to the best of my ability, and ask for help when I need it.
- Choose and read materials of interest to me on a regular basis.

**At West Side we live by our values everyday:
WE ARE SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE !!**