



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Middle Years Alternative **School-Parent Compact**

School Year 2022-2023

Revision Date:

05/12/2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Middle Years Alternative partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held September, January and March of each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and family engagement.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

The Board of Education's updated Goals and Guardrails are available on the School District Website at www.philasd.org.

Middle Years Alternative GOALS

Middle Years Alternative School will increase the percentage of students scoring proficiency by 15 percentage points.
Grade Level Focus area:

- 6th grade - reading level
- All grades: Engagement in complex texts

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Middle Years Alternative will:

On a monthly basis, teachers, counselors and/or administration will provide families with workshops and activities that families can participate in to understand and review the grade-level skills being covered in class, how to support students in completing work and how to access parent portal.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

Families will work with their children on the activities and help complete homework with their children provided by teachers weekly.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students will bring home all work, projects, material and assignments to gain practice in grade level skills being covered in class.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Middle Years Alternative is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- *School Newsletters to parents - Weekly Ram Report*
- *Parent Portal*
- *Teacher websites or other web-based communication resource*
- *Parent Teacher conferences*
- *Emails to parents on student's progress*
- *Text messaging*
- *Phone calls and Robo-calls*
- *Class Dojo*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Middle Years Alternative offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- *School Advisory Council*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Parent Workshops*
- *Curriculum Nights*
- *Home & School Association*
- *Volunteering / Observing*
- *Open House*
- *Online/virtual activities (webinars, online chats)*
- *Multimedia activities (podcasts, teacher-created videos)*