

Jim Stone Elementary School
School-Parent Compact
2017-2018

Jim Stone Elementary School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title 1, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student 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:

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:

- Instruction will be aligned to State Standards and Conway Public Schools pacing guides.
- Teachers will receive professional development in effective delivery of curriculum content.
- High yield instructional strategies will be incorporated into classroom instruction.
- Student progress will be monitored regularly and students will be provided with point-in-time interventions, including small group instruction, tutoring, and re-teaching.
- Materials and supplies, including but not limited to books and manipulatives, will be purchased to enhance and support classroom instruction.
- Maintain a parent center available for parents between the hours of 8:00-3:00.

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

- Between 4:00 and 7:00 on the evenings of October 25-26, 2017 and March 14-15, 2017.
- Conferences will be held in the students' classroom.
- Spanish interpreters will be available for parents who may need benefit from their services.

Parents will be provided with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

- For all students, midway through the first nine-weeks grading period.
- For all students, at the end of each nine-weeks grading period.
- During the nine-weeks for any student whose performance is below grade level expectations.
- Home-School Communication Folders containing students' work and behavior report will be sent home daily.

Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents **after scheduling an appointment with the teacher**. Suggestions for conference times include:

- Before and after the instructional day, if the teacher is not responsible for supervising students (8:00 – 8:10 and 3:20 to 4:00).
- During the teachers' daily planning and conference time. Times vary for teachers and grade levels. Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher to schedule a conference at a time when the teacher is available.
- Teachers may also be contacted by email. An employee email directory is available on the district's website: www.conwayschools.org, Jim Stone Elementary's website: <http://jses.conwayschools.org>, and through the Conway Public Schools app.
- The school telephone number is (501) 450-4808.

Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class with volunteer programs including WatchDOGS, MASH Moms, PTO, book fair, and other programs throughout the school year. Watch the newsletter and email for more opportunities to become involved.

Parent Responsibilities:

We, as parents, will support our child's learning in the following ways:

- Volunteering in my child's classroom.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Staying informed about our child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups.

Student Responsibilities:

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the state's high standards. Specifically, I will:

- Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give my parent or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school.
- Do my best on every assignment and all class work.
- Practice the values incorporated into the Jim Stone Character Pledge and Essential 10.

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