SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT
2026-2027

School-Parent Compact as Required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Section 1116(d)

Ripley Middle School and the parents of students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree to this compact. It outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It also describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to achieve the States' high expectations. This compact is in effect for the 2026-2027 school year.

School Responsibilities

Ripley Middle School 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 challenging academic standards as follows:**

    - Communicate with parents through the all-call system (text message, call, website), email, and Canvas
    - Encourage participation in extra and co-curricular activities
    - Have high expectations for all students
    - Model positive attitudes and expected behaviors
    - Provide academic and behavioral support
    - Provide a classroom and school environment that encourages learning
    - Monitor and report student progress
    - Show respect for differences in opinion
    - Utilized Evidence-Based Practices during core instruction

2. **Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.**

    - Orientation/Annual Title 1 Meeting – August 14, 2026
        - 7th and 8th Grade - 5:00p.m.
        - 6th Grade - 6:15p.m.
    - October 12, 2026 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Opportunity
    - February 15, 2027 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Opportunity
    - Parent/Teacher Conferences, upon request

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

    - Canvas
    - I-Ready Diagnostic Results
    - Midterm and End of Grading Period Reports

4. **Provide parents reasonable access to staff.**

    - Canvas
    - Parents can call the school throughout the school day to set up parent-teacher conferences, or request a return phone call.

- School email address

5. **Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities.**

    - Athletic Boosters
    - Parent Engagement Activities
    - School Sponsored Events
    - Volunteering to help in the school office, library, or to run copies for teachers

    Note: *Parents must be an approved volunteer at Ripley Middle in order to volunteer at a school event. To become a volunteer, please complete a volunteer application. These can be obtained from the Jackson County Schools website or by stopping by the Ripley Middle School front office.*

6. **Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff that is, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.**

    - Ripley Middle School works with parents to establish communication in a format that is acceptable for everyone. This could be through technology, written correspondence, meetings, or by phone.

Parent Responsibilities

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

- Monitoring attendance by ensuring my child arrives at school on time and remains in attendance for the duration of the school day.
- Ensuring that homework, when given, is completed.
- Volunteering in my child's school when the opportunity arises.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education.
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- Encouraging healthy food choices
- Stay informed about my child's education and respond quickly to requests for information about my child.
- 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, we will:

- Bring devices (Macbook or iPad) to school, fully charged
- Be prepared for class
- Have a good attitude and demonstrate good effort throughout the school day
- Make attendance and punctuality a priority
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.