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UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT

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

Union Elementary School and the families of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), agree that this compact outlines how the families, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards. This school-family compact is in effect during the school year 2026-2027.

School Responsibilities

Union Elementary 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 State academic standards as follows:**

Union Elementary School is committed to providing all students with access to a rigorous, standards-based curriculum aligned to the West Virginia College- and Career-Readiness Standards. Teachers utilize research-based instructional practices, high-quality instructional materials, and data-driven decision-making to ensure that all students receive effective instruction that meets their individual learning needs.

The school maintains a supportive and effective learning environment by fostering positive relationships among students, families, and staff. Clear expectations for behavior and academic success are established and reinforced through school-wide PAX/PBIS practices that promote respect, responsibility, safety, and a sense of belonging. Social-emotional learning support, counseling services, and family engagement opportunities further contribute to a positive school climate where students feel valued, supported, and empowered to take ownership of their learning.

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

Union Elementary School will host family-teacher conferences twice throughout the year to discuss each child's academic progress, achievement, and educational needs. During these conferences, teachers will review individual student strengths, areas for growth, and strategies that can be implemented both at school and at home to promote achievement.

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Families will be encouraged to ask questions, share concerns, and participate in developing goals for their child's success.

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

Union Elementary School will provide families with frequent reports on their children's academic progress throughout the school year. Families will receive report cards according to the county's established grading schedule. In addition, teachers will communicate regularly with families regarding student performance through classroom newsletters, notes, phone calls, emails, and Canvas.

4. **Provide families with reasonable access to staff.**

Union Elementary School is committed to providing families with reasonable access to school staff throughout the school year. Families may consult with teachers, administrators, counselors, and other appropriate staff members by scheduling appointments through phone calls, emails, written notes, Canvas messages, or the school's main office.

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

Union Elementary School encourages all family members to be active participants in their child's education by volunteering and participating in school activities. Family members may assist with school events, support field trips, participate in family engagement activities, and contribute to special projects throughout the school year, in accordance with county volunteer guidelines and school procedures.

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.**

Union Elementary School is committed to maintaining regular, two-way, meaningful communication with family members to support student learning and success. School staff will communicate with families through a variety of methods, including phone calls, emails, written notes, Canvas messages, newsletters, social media updates, family-teacher conferences, school events, and meetings. Families are encouraged to share questions, concerns, suggestions, and information regarding their child's educational experience, and staff members will respond in a timely and respectful manner.

Family Responsibilities

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

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- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- 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 my 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, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the LEA Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, or other school advisory or policy 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:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

We appreciate your partnership in this important journey and look forward to a successful year of growth and learning.

The Union Elementary Staff