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SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The Boonton Township School District, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic 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 2021-22 school year.

School Responsibilities

The Boonton Township School District (Rockaway Valley 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 student academic achievement standards as follows:**
All instruction meets Core Content State Standards and is delivered by highly qualified instructors. Additionally, our ancillary staff will provide the support needed to make each student an effective learner.
2. **Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.**
Specifically, those conferences will be held: In October and March during designated parent-teacher conferences.
3. **Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.**
Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
Parents will be notified four times each year as to their child's progress.
4. **Provide parents reasonable access to staff.**
Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
Staff provides open communication; teachers are available by e-mail and voice-mail. Planning periods during the week allow time for parent-teacher consultation, as does conference times in October and March.

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

Parents are welcome to observe classroom activities during visitation days and all parents are encouraged to volunteer their time in the library, lunchroom, or classrooms.

Additionally, the Boonton Township School District (Rockaway Valley School) will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of many school wide programs, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.
4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
5. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
6. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.
7. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

Parent Responsibilities

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

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed
- Monitoring children's free time.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children'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 Improvement Team, the Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the District wide Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.

Student Responsibilities (as appropriate to grade level)

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 daily outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school.