

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Whitney Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning activities, parents added ideas to improve connections between home and school, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Parent, teacher, and student surveys are completed and analyzed each year to help the school identify the needs of our students and families.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer at Whitney Elementary, please contact Kathy Autten,

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Building Partnerships

Family Engagement Nights

WES hosts six family nights each year. The evening begins with a performance from our music program. After the program the staff provides activities for your family to enjoy, and information to help strengthen the connection between home and school.

(dates are subject to change)

- Sept. 24: "Welcome to Camp Wildcat"
- Oct. 30: "Treat Yourself to a Good Book"
- Dec. 17: "Countdown to Christmas"
- Jan. 29: "Read S'more Books Around the Campfire"
- Feb. 25: "Arming High, For the Love of Math"
- Apr. 29: "Like into Summer"

We also encourage families and community members to visit our school, and take part in our learning community.

Special Events

- October: Red Ribbon Week
- Fall parent and teacher conferences
- November: Lunch with a Veteran
- February: Grandparent's Day
- April: Field Day
- May: Talent Show
- Spring parent and teacher conferences

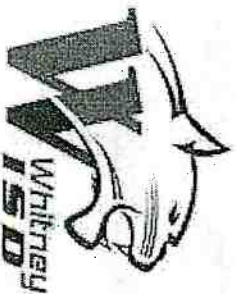
**Success Assemblies at the end of each Nine Weeks



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School-Home Compact

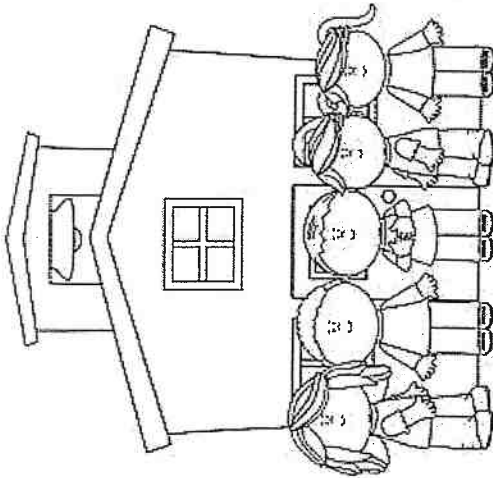
2018-2019



Whitney
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Amber Seedy, Principal

Kathy Autten, Counselor



Campus Goals for 2018-19

Whitney Elementary

Whitney administrators, teachers, and site base decision making committee have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school.

- ⇒ Increase reading proficiency with a structured phonics program and small group guided reading daily
- ⇒ Implement Writer's Workshop model for writing instruction
- ⇒ Slant handwriting instruction to prepare students for cursive writing
- ⇒ Addition of daily spiral review in math instruction to reinforce skills
- ⇒ Implement A.L.I.C.E. strategies to increase student safety on campus
- ⇒ Improving connections between school and home. Providing monthly newsletters and important documents in both English and Spanish.
- ⇒ Create a master schedule and provide structured planning and staff development

Teachers, Parents, Students Working Together for Success

In the Classroom...

Teachers and staff will work with students and their families to support students' success in all areas. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- ⇒ Provide parents with home learning kits to help your child practice skills at home
- ⇒ Offer six free Family Engagement nights where students and families can create materials and gather information about curriculum in all areas
- ⇒ Provide newsletters weekly with goals for learning and activities that will help increase student achievement
- ⇒ Provide electronic communication with families

Communication about Student Learning

Whitney Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Weekly Classroom Newsletter
- Monthly Calendar and Newsletter from the office
- Updates on the school website
- Parent/Teacher Conferences in November and May
- Phone Calls
- Electronic systems: Remind, Seesaw, and Class Pogo
- Parent Portal

As a Whitney Elementary School Teacher, I pledge to:

- Communicate and work with families to enhance students' learning
- Believe that each child can learn
- Encourage students and parents by providing information about student progress
- Create a positive and respectful environment for my students
- Utilize interesting and innovative ways of teaching to encourage student in the learning process
- Be organized and plan lessons that meet the needs of my students

As a Whitney Elementary School Parent, I pledge to:

- Attend school functions and parent/teacher conferences
- Keep the school informed of any changes in telephone numbers and addresses
- Monitor attendance and get my child to school on time
- Check my child's Weekend folder daily for communications from the school and to review their work
- Talk with my child about his or her school activities each day
- Establish routines to support my child's success in school:
 - Appropriate bed time
 - Complete homework and reading
 - Balanced nutrition and good hygiene habits

As a Whitney Elementary School Student, I pledge to:

- Believe that I can learn and do my best everyday
- Talk to my parents about what I am learning in school
- Be respectful of school personnel and of other students
- Follow all school rules and expectations
- Attend School regularly, and arrive at school on time

