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:
- 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 Converse Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, 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.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact: Kimberly Copeland at kcopeland@judsonisd.org or 945-1210.

Building Partnerships

There are a wide variety of activities for parent involvement. We encourage our parents to volunteer and participate in these activities. Some of these activities include:
- Family Literacy Night
- Dine-a-Versity
- Family Fun Nights
- School Festivals
- Grade Level Programs

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, please contact your child’s teacher through email.

Communication about Student Learning

Converse Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:
- Weekly newsletter
- Weekly homework
- Updates on the school Web site
- Report Cards
- Parent-teacher conferences: following the first nine weeks and after that as necessary

Do you have questions about your child’s progress?

Contact your child’s teacher by phone (210-945-1210) or e-mail.

E-mail addresses are on the school website https://www.judsonisd.org/Domain/33
Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals
To meet or exceed Texas Education Agency standards on STAAR and prepare students for higher education and workforce readiness.

School Goals
Converse Elementary is dedicated to providing a pathway to success for each and every student in each subject.

Math
- Allow students to build their own understanding of math concepts through small group math talk, open-ended problem solving, and opportunities to use concrete manipulatives as well as pictorial models.

Reading
- Within a variety of genres students will build vocabulary, make connections and inferences, and support their thinking with text evidence.

Writing
- Daily writing will be a part of every content area as well as opportunities to engage in the writing process and publish writing pieces.

Science and Social Studies
- Opportunities to explain and demonstrate vocabulary knowledge are fundamental to communicating content area understanding.

In Our Kindergarten Classroom
The Kindergarten team will work with students and their families to support students’ success in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Homework will be sent with students to help parents support the learning goals.
- Use the “word wall” and storytelling to incorporate new words. Send home ideas for developing word walls at home.
- Involvement in fun family nights to share classroom strategies with families on how to help students develop academic and social skills.
- Develop goals with students that focus on increasing their measurement skills and using manipulatives to model their thinking.

At Home
Converse Elementary School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students’ success in reading, math and science.

- Post new words on our “word wall” and remember to use them in conversations and stories. Add our own new words. This will be updated in our weekly newsletter.
- Read with my child every day and talk about letters and the sounds they make.
- Show your child how much you enjoy reading by having plenty of books and magazines around the house and visit the library and bookstores often.
- Use the math goals, have your child count to 100, count out things they need,
- Actively engage my child through questioning and investigation when opportunities arise involving the natural world.

Converse Students
Converse School students will join staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Some ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

Set goals for myself to learn new words and read every day.
Think of new words to put on our family “word wall.” Share ideas with my friends.
Make up stories to tell my family using new words.
Help make the grocery list and estimate how much the food will cost.

OPTIONAL:
My own personal learning goal is: ____________________________________________.
My teacher can help me reach it by: ____________________________________________.
My parent can help me accomplish it by ________________________________________.