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 or exceed 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 curriculum and effective instruction in a supportive learning environment
- 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

Sylmar Charter High School believes that parent involvement is of the utmost importance in a child’s education. The goal for Sylmar Charter is for parents and school staff to work together to improve student achievement. The School’s Parental Involvement Policy is collaboratively developed with parents, teachers and community members. It outlines opportunities for involvement in school’s policy, the shared responsibilities of parents, builds capacity of involvement and accessibility of the school program to parents.

Activities to Build Partnerships

- SSC (6-7 times a year, second Tuesday of the month at 3pm in Parent Center)
- LSLC (Before SSC in Parent Center)
- ELAC (once a month every second Thursday of the month at 8:30am)
- Coffee with the Principal (once a month every third Thursday of the month at 8:30am)
- Parent Workshops (Various throughout the school year)
- School wide events (Various throughout the school year)

If you would like to volunteer or participate, please contact the Parent Center at 818-833-5120 or Room 16.

Communication about Student Learning

Our school is committed to regular two-way communication with families about students learning. Some of the ways parents and teachers communicate throughout the year:

- Activities to build partnerships
- Provide parents with assistance in understanding State Standards, expected levels of student proficiency, and State local assessments through a variety of means.
- In addition, there is ongoing communication through the school’s website about the school’s programs, via a calendar, Connect Ed, emails, and flyers, in both English and Spanish.
- There is ongoing communication between parents and teachers, which includes progress reports, conferences, and phone calls.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in school wide events.
Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals
- 100% Graduation
- Proficiency for All
- 100% Perfect Attendance
- Parent and Community Engagement
- School Safety

School’s Goals
- Meet A-G graduation requirements with a “C” or better
- Be College and Career Ready

School’s Mission
- Develop students who are critical thinkers and who possess the necessary skills to be effective communicators.
- Provide a variety of learning communities best suited to each student’s need.
- Provide the academic, emotional, social, and multicultural environment needed to give students a positive sense of themselves.
- Prepare students to lead productive adult lives.
- Involve all stakeholders in the decision making process.

Teachers, Parents, Students—Together for Success

In the Classroom We Pledge to:
- Show mutual respect and cooperating with all stakeholders at Sylmar Charter High School.
- Work with parents/guardians in an effort to support student learning at home.
- Inform parents about the importance of mastering all Essential Learnings which are evaluated by the Common Assessments.
- Provide reasonable access in order to discuss matters relating to students (e.g. specific times that teacher will be available, email information, etc.)
- Provide opportunities, when appropriate, for parent/guardians to volunteer, observe, and/or participate in classroom activities according to the school’s guidelines.
- Provide a positive atmosphere for learning and striving to address the individual needs of your student.
- Attend parent/guardian/teacher/student conferences to discuss the student’s academic progress.
- Communicate with parent/guardian regarding student progress.
- Notify parents/guardians of any concerns or problems in a timely manner.

At Home Parent Pledges to:
- Show mutual respect and cooperate with all stakeholders at Sylmar Charter High School.
- Support the school/district homework, discipline and attendance policies.
- Make sure my student gets adequate sleep and has a healthy diet.
- Attend parent/guardian/teacher/student conferences to discuss my student’s academic progress.
- Notify teachers of any concerns or problems that may affect school performance.
- Participate in decisions and/or workshops related to the education of my student.
- Help my student meet their responsibilities.

Students Pledge to:
- Show mutual respect and cooperate with all stakeholders at Sylmar Charter High School.
- Respect the rights of others to learn without disruption.
- Complete all assignments to the best of my ability and turn in a timely manner.
- Coming to class on time and being prepared to work.
- Follow all school rules, including the discipline and dress codes, truancy policies, and the Responsible Use Policy (RUP) for the Internet.
- Spend time at home completing homework, reading, and studying.