



Vaux Big Picture High School

## **School-Parent Compact**

2018-2019 School Year

Revision Date 5/4/18

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

**Parents, Staff and Students worked collaboratively to develop the parent and family engagement policy and school parent compact. A parent meeting was held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 to review draft copies of the policy and compact and solicit parent input into the development of these documents and the overall parent and family engagement program and activities at the school.**

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

### **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ANCHOR GOALS:**

1. 100% of students will graduate, ready for college and career.
2. 100% of 8-year-olds will read on grade level.
3. 100% of schools will have great principals and teachers.
4. SDP will have 100% of the funding we need for great schools, and zero deficit.

### **Vaux Big Picture High School GOALS:**

- **Attendance: 85% Average Daily Attendance; 22% (with attendance of 95% or better)**
- **Student Retention: 82% of students retained**
- **On Track Credit Accumulation: 80% of students will be on track for graduation**
- **Benchmark Assessment Growth: 65% of students are meeting growth projection on MAP Reading and Math Assessments.**
  - **65% of students who are two or more numeracy levels below their age-appropriate grade are expected to increase by 1.5 levels, but must**

**increase by a minimum of 1.0 levels as measured by the MAP assessment each school year; 78% of students who are entering one grade level or less below their age-appropriate numeracy grade increase by at least one level as measured by the MAP assessment each school year**

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- **Survey Results**
  - **75% of students who responded to the survey most positively about the school's climate**
  - **75% of families who responded to the survey most positively about the school's climate**

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

#### SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Vaux Big Picture High School will offer students a rigorous internship preparation process, research-based and real world-connected learning experiences and projects, and a positive and supportive academic environment where student development is encouraged and student learning is monitored and interventions are offered as needed.

Vaux Big Picture High School believes that strong teacher-parent-student relationships are vital to a student's success in high school. Each student's advisor (teacher) schedules a home visit in August with the eighteen students and family

Resiliency Specialists do ongoing home visits throughout the year as needed.

#### PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- **be involved in the development and review of our student's Learning Plan and attend semi-annual end of semester student exhibitions**
- **Monitor student attendance and academic progress**
- **Monitor the amount of TV my child watches and sleep my child gets**
- **Serve, to the extent possible, on the SAC and/or attend monthly parent meetings**

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- **Show up To Vaux Big Picture High School on time, every day**
- **Represent myself to the best of my ability by showing respect for myself, peers and Vaux BPHS staff**
- **Complete all academic expectations to the best of my ability**
- **Advocate for myself and reach out to an adult (parent, Vaux BPHS staff) when I need help**

- **Give to my parents or responsible adult all notices and information I receive from my school every day**

**COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:**

Vaux Big Picture High 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:

**The school will hold exhibitions twice each year where parents are invited to come to the school to see presentations by students related to their learning accomplishments and gain deeper understanding of the school's instructional model. The school also has report card conferences three times a year, with interim reports sent home in the middle of each report period.**

**ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:**

Vaux Big Picture High School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

**The principal has an open door policy with parents and sends a monthly email and print update to parents.**

**Parents are involved in student exhibitions and other activities throughout the year, as well as SAC parent meetings which are held monthly.**