

Haledon Public School

School-Parent Compact

2016-2017



School Responsibilities

The Haledon Public 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:**

The mission of the Haledon School district is to prepare students to be able to take their place in society as healthy, active and productive participants, by providing the best possible education for the total development of the child, both academically and socially. Each student is afforded the opportunity to develop an awareness of and be educated in all aspects of individual, group, and societal growth and development.

Our school's goal is to improve all pre-kindergarten through grade eight students' academic performance in ALL subject areas by providing high quality, effective, and varied research-based instruction. Haledon Public School's curriculum and instructional goals are updated and reevaluated on a consistent basis to ensure alignment of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. On-going professional development opportunities allow our staff insight and training as to how to incorporate the latest, most innovative and "cutting edge" techniques. Access to these opportunities help to foster and create optimum learning experiences for our students.

Please visit our school's curriculum and assessment section of our website at www.haledon.org to access specific instructional goals and curriculum guides for each grade level.

- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences at least two times per school year during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.** This year, those conferences will be held:

November 21 and 22, 2016

March 16 and 17, 2017

Please know that in addition to these conference dates, teachers are always available for conferences either by phone or in person. Contact the main office to make an appointment.

3. **Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.** Specifically, the school will maintain a Parent Portal that allows families to freely access their children's grades at any time during the school year. In addition, the school will provide academic reports as follows:

Progress reports will be available four times per year:
October 14, 2016 March 14, 2017
December 23, 2016 May 19, 2017

Report Cards will be available on the following dates:
November 18, 2016
February 3, 2017
April 13, 2017
June 26, 2017

4. **Provide parents reasonable access to staff.** Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

- During Parent Teacher Conferences
- Via private and previously scheduled appointments as needed
- Via email as needed
- Via access to the Parent Portal grade books
- Via HPS Info Alert

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

With permission of our school's administrative team, parents may come in at any time to participate in their child/children's classroom and instructional program. However, this must be a scheduled and announced visit. Please be sure to make an appointment with the appropriate instructional personnel and report to the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge.

Parent Responsibilities

In order to help the parents continue to work with our school community and to bring out the best in your sons and daughters, we have created a list of T.I.P.S. (TEACHERS INVOLVE PARENTS IN SCHOOLWORK) to assist you. Remember, children learn to read, reason and understand things better when their parents and guardians:

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

- Monitoring attendance.
- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Volunteering in my child's classroom.
- 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.
- Reading/ Talking/ Listening to our children.
- Providing a special place for studying
- Maintaining a routine for homework and bedtime
- Discussing school events
- Talking about successes and problems
- Monitoring TV programming and video games
- Discussing current and special events
- Helping to meet deadlines with school projects
- Being sure that your child is in school and on time each and every day
- Maintaining contact with the teacher

Finally, be sure to model to your child that education is important and that a positive attitude is the first step in a successful journey to adulthood.

School

Parent(s)

Student

Date

Date

Date