

# SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

## 6-8 Academy Focus for Student Success

Our Vision:

*Inspire today's learners to be tomorrow's thinkers.*

Middle School Academy 6-8

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### What is a Family-School 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 of our students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning strategies
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- 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 The Pennsylvania Cyber Charter 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 yearly to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

***\*\*Parents can contribute comments at any time.\*\****

### Our Goals for Student Achievement

#### 6-8 Academy Goals

The 6-8 Academy Faculty, Staff, and Administrative Team seeks to **Connect**, **Communicate**, and **Care** about your student. Once your student has learned to read and is reading to learn, we seek to prepare your student by teaching them to "learn to think."

#### Our Mission

Empower all students and families to become active participants in their own learning and equip them with skills for the future. We achieve this through engaging content, delivered by innovative teaching in a culture of caring.

#### Our Goals

- Nurture a culture of inclusion that fosters autonomy through open dialogue and shared responsibility.
- Create engaging initiatives that prepare students for the future by personalizing educational content and opportunities.
- Forge partnerships that create meaningful experiences that lead to real-world opportunities.

#### Our Core Values

**Integrity:** We act with transparency, honesty, and accountability, and we are dedicated to exemplary work.

**Service:** We are dedicated to ensuring positive family experiences with passion and enthusiasm by being responsive to our families' needs.

**Professionalism:** We place value on all stakeholders, evidenced by how we treat others—with dignity, courtesy, professionalism, and, above all, respect. We believe in collaborative work among teachers, staff, and administrators and use the expertise and support of the families we serve.

**Innovation:** We encourage new ideas and practices that foster student success.

**Excellence:** We challenge our students and ourselves to meet or exceed the highest expectations.

## Teachers, Families, Students – Together for Success

### In our 6-8 Academy

The 6-8 Academy will work with students and their families to support students' success in the PA Core Standards for Reading and Math. Some of our key connections with families will be through:

- Implementation of the Cyber Strong After School PSSA Prep Program to be open for all students.
- Sending positive post cards via mail to student and parents with a suggested home learning strategy.
- Contacting parents and students via email and phone to discuss progress.
- Opening up class sessions and office hours and encouraging parents to attend a class session or office hour with their student.

### At Home

PA Cyber parents joined staff to develop ideas how families can support students' success in reading and math. Some of our key at-home activities will be:

- Use the daily pages to discuss my child's learning goals and use the teacher's materials to support my child's learning at home.
- Read with my child every day and talk about how the story connects with things that he or she has experienced. Attend the family fun literacy night to practice new ways to support my child as a reader.
- Use the math goals and related games or strategies the teacher sends home to improve my child's estimation and measurement skills.

### PA Cyber Students

PA Cyber students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and excel in reading and math. Students thought of the following 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Building Partnerships:

The 6-8 Academy will hold periodic meetings for parents and students to attend, ask questions, and discuss the learning. Be sure to check your parent and student account. Meetings will be held online in the Principal's collaborate session at the link below:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2009370&username=&password=M.621ADC103D81C191E0081FBDC77259>

### Communication about Student Learning

PA Cyber Charter 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:

- Parent/Student email accounts
- Phone calls from Academic Advisors
- Updates on the school website and current grades in the MySchool Portal
- Teacher phone calls and emails
- Meetings at Regional Offices
- Family Link Events

### Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (724-643-1180) or e-mail. E-mail addresses can be found in the MySchool Portal under course information at [myschool.pacyber.org](http://myschool.pacyber.org).

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the classroom, please contact:

Dr. Barris at [jerald.barris@pacyber.org](mailto:jerald.barris@pacyber.org) or 724-682-9160, or go to our school Web Site [www.pacyber.org](http://www.pacyber.org).