

2020-21 School-Parent Compact for Achievement
Parent and Family Engagement
Public Law 114-95 Section 1116
Grades: 6-8

Information will be shared, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand. If you need assistance, please contact the principal, Jessica Bull.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. The compact will be distributed during registration, during parent-teacher conferences and the Annual Title I Parent Meeting.

Effective Compact:

- Explain how teachers and parents will have two-way, meaningful communication about student progress. Parent conferences will be held at least annually at elementary schools.
- Describe opportunities for parent volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Link goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills

The parents, students, and staff of Alvord Middle 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: Jessica Bull, (940)427-5511, Jbull@alvordisd.net or to our school website on the Parent button.

Building Partnerships

The following activities are available throughout the year and will be posted on our school website as well as student progress reports and report cards that go home every 3 weeks.

Communication about Student Learning

Alvord Middle 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:

- Updates on the school website and current grades
- Parent-teacher conferences held as needed
- 3 week progress reports

- 6 week report cards

Do you have questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (940)427-5511 or by email through the AMS website. Email addresses are on the school website at www.alvordisd.net

Goals for Student Achievement

Administrators and teachers have studied our performance data to decide the most important areas of improvement for our school.

Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies--Teachers, Parent, and Students Together

Each classroom will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading, math, science, and social studies. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Teachers will provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- Our web sites will have links to family friendly web sites for building vocabulary and math skills
- Communicate by conferences, phone calls, and/or notes regarding student achievement and behavior.

Parents joined the staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading, math, science, and social studies. Families may have other ideas to add to this list:

- Check out the school website
- Sign up for Remind-Athletic, Band, AMS, Classroom etc.
- Volunteer in the classroom/school if possible
- Support my child in completing homework
- Encourage your child to read each night
- Have fun with math. Use materials in the home to explore math at home (cooking, measuring, estimating, etc.)
- Try to attend extracurricular activities

Students joined staff to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school.

- Talk to my family about new vocabulary words and what I am learning
- Communicate through "Remind" Messages

Teacher

Parent

Student