



*Dawes Intermediate School  
Parent, Student, Teacher  
School Compact  
2017-2018*



**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Dawes Intermediate School is to provide a safe, rigorous, and brain-friendly learning environment that promotes healthy, reflective, respectful, resourceful, and responsible life-long learners who will collaborate with one another, lead by example, set goals to strive for excellence, and graduate as college-bound or career ready citizens.

Dawes Intermediate School, along with the parents and students of Dawes Intermediate, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school faculty and staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.

**School Responsibilities**

**Dawes Intermediate School will:**

- 1. Provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet and exceed the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
  - teach a rigorous curriculum that utilizes the MCPSS Guidelines, CCRS, and State COS
  - provide direct, explicit instruction using research based strategies that promote rigor, relevance, and student engagement
  - enhance instructional practices by integrating technology into the curriculum.
  - differentiate instruction for all students to accommodate the needs of all learners
  - provide opportunities for students to set goals in all subjects each quarter
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:**
  - during first semester in grades 3-5 (partnership conferences) in October and November
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:**
  - progress reports the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> week of each quarter- report cards after ten weeks
- 4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:**
  - during parent-teacher conferences, open house, parent meetings, planning time, and after school
- 5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in the school:**
  - PTA events, school events, school celebrations (Awards ceremonies, etc.), community service projects adopted by the school, eat lunch with students, attend classroom functions (guest speakers, parties), field trips, serve on principal committees when called upon, sponsor and assist with clubs, etc.

**Parent Responsibilities**

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

- supply my child with appropriate school supplies
- be responsible for my child's punctuality and school attendance
- support discipline policies of the classroom and school and assist in decisions relating to my child
- maintain a time and place for homework and review it
- communicate with my child's school and stay involved in what my child is learning
- attend parent conferences
- promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- serve, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups or as a parent representative on committees
- know what my child is learning in school and check on his/her progress with goals set in class
- inform the school of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, medical conditions, medications, or situations that may affect my child's progress in school

**Student Responsibilities**

**We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards.**

**Specifically, I will:**

- promote school safety and will refrain from activities that could be viewed as bullying
- raise my hand when I don't understand the assignment or how to do my class work
- arrive at school on time and be prepared for class each day
- read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time and complete all homework
- obey the rules and guidelines established by the teacher, school, and MCPSS Code of Conduct.
- strive to meet and/or exceed all of my goals set this year

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**Teacher**

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**Parent(s)**

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**Student**