



Kensington High School

School-Parent Compact

***2019-2020 School Year
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Kensington High School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the Spring of each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and family engagement.

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.

Kensington High School GOALS for 2019-2020:

- ❖ At least 60% of students will attend school 95% of days or more.
- ❖ At least 27% of students will score at Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra I Keystone exam.

- ❖ At least 47% of students will score at Proficient or Advanced on the English Keystone exam.
- ❖ At least 75% of 9th grade students will earn a minimum of 5 credits (four core plus one more) with As or Bs.
- ❖ At least 95% of 12th grade students will be on track for graduation.
- ❖ At least 90% of students will have zero out-of-school suspensions.

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Kensington High School will:

- ❖ Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the challenging State academic standards
- ❖ Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis
- ❖ Treat each child with dignity and respect
- ❖ Strive to address the individual needs of the student
- ❖ Acknowledge that parents are vital to the success of child and school
- ❖ Provide a safe, positive and healthy learning environment
- ❖ Assure every student access to quality learning experiences
- ❖ Assure that the school staff communicates clear expectations for performance to both students and parents
- ❖ Update grades and online classroom (if applicable) in a timely manner.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- ❖ Monitor and support regular student attendance.
- ❖ Monitor student homework and student academic progress.
- ❖ Support our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports.
- ❖ Attend parent teacher conferences.
- ❖ 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.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ Attend school regularly and arrive on time each day in uniform.
- ❖ Take responsibility for getting homework done and studying.
- ❖ Participate in class and contribute to a positive school culture.
- ❖ Give to my parents/guardians all notices and information received by me from my school.
- ❖ Regularly review grades and progress to assure my credits are on track to graduate in four years.

- ❖ Develop and pursue a plan for my future with the support of school, family and community.
- ❖ Keep up on classwork, homework and grades and monitoring each within the Student Portal

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Kensington 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:

- ❖ Phone Calls and Robo-Calls - Parents are encouraged to return teachers phone calls from Kensington High School at 215-400-7700. You can arrange appointments to discuss student issues with teachers, counselors, deans or administration as needed. Parents can also make appointments to meet with staff members at mutually agreed upon times (ex. during the teacher's prep, and before or after school).
- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences - Parents are welcomed to come and pick up their child's report card and have meetings with teachers during our three sessions of conferences: November 21st-22nd, February 6th-7th and April 16-17th.
- ❖ Interim Reports - Parents will receive progress reports four times a year: October 22nd-24th, December 17th-19th, March 10th-12th and May 13th-15th.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Kensington High School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- ❖ School Advisory Council
- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Parent Workshops
- ❖ Parent Resource Center