



*Russell H. Conwell Middle Magnet School*

**School-Parent Compact**

*2018-2019 School Year*

*Revision Date Monday, April 30, 2018*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

**Conwell Middle Magnet School**, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility from 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.

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.

**CONWELL MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL GOALS:**

1. At least 60% of students will attend 95% or more of school days, and no more than 15% of students will attend less than 85% of days.

2. At least 90% of students will have 0 out-of-school suspensions
3. At least 75% of students will earn As and Bs in all core courses.
4. No more than 20% of students will score Below Basic on the Reading PSSA

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

**SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Conwell Middle Magnet School** will support parents and families:

- Parents are given opportunities for decision making and provided with materials and training related to the education of their child through annual or requested parent-teacher conferences, Parent Orientation meetings, Open House, Home and School Association meetings, RTII Team meetings, Title I meetings, and school-sponsored parent involvement activities.
- Provide volunteer opportunities for parents to build relationships with the school
- Show & promote respect & responsibility for staff, each student and his or her family
- Provide an accessible & welcoming environment where all students & families are valued
- Provide meaningful and appropriate homework activities that reinforce classroom instruction
- Provide reasonable access to staff
- Provide assistance to student and their parent/guardian whenever needed
  - Test preparation
  - Small Group Support
  - Saturday School

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as parents, will:

- Monitor attendance by ensuring that they are arriving to school on time and attends regularly
- Support and enforce Conwell Middle Magnet School Discipline Policy and dress code
- Read and review all documentation sent home from the school including homework, notes from the Counselor, Nurse and Main Office
- Monitor and ensure that necessary documents (i.e. homework, discipline notices) are returned in a timely manner
- Volunteer in my child's classroom
- Attend parent-teacher conferences for my student
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time.
- Serve, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as the school's School Advisory Council (SAC)

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Attend and arrive to school daily dressed in the school uniform
- Complete all homework assignments on a proficient level, turning it in a timely manner
- Follow all school rules set both at school as well as at home
- Accept responsibility for completing all assignments when absent from the school

- Ask for help when needed
- Access all resources available in the building (Teachers, Counselor, Nurse, Buddy Teacher, Office Staff, Principal)
- Govern your daily routine according to the school's motto and creed

**COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:**

**Conwell Middle Magnet 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:

1. *Conwell Middle will provide parents with information in weekly newsletters and flyers, at parent-teacher workshops, and through one on one telephone contacts.*
2. *We ensure to the extent possible that information sent home is in the language and format that parents/guardians are able to understand. Translation services are available, when necessary, with support from the Office of Translations.*
3. *Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parent and family engagement policy and schoolwide plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.*
4. *Hold Title I meetings to inform parents of Title I requirements and gather input*

**ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:**

**Conwell Middle Magnet School** offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- *School Advisory Council*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Parent Workshops*
- *Volunteering Opportunities*
- *Fall, Winter, and Spring Title I meetings*
- *High School planning activities coordinated by the counselor*
- *Afterschool All-Stars parent orientation*