Riverside School District Student – Teacher – Parent Compact

Please sign and return this compact

This compact was designed to serve as a tool by which the school, parents, and students will develop and build a partnership to help children achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. By New Jersey Administrative Code, the parent/guardian must demonstrate receipt of this compact by signing and returning it to school.

AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN, I WILL ENCOURAGE MY CHILD'S LEARNING BY:

- Requiring regular school attendance
- Providing a quiet, well-lighted study area
- Establishing a regular time for homework
- Encourage positive attitudes about school
- Attending parent-teacher conferences
- Reading and adhering to the school policies stated in the parent handbook

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AS A STUDENT, I WILL BECOME AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN MY OWN LEARNING BY:

- Attending school regularly
- Completing my assignments
- Respecting the personal rights and property of others
- Being on time for classes
- Cooperating with parents and teachers

AS A TEACHER, I WILL ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT STUDENT'S LEARNING BY:

- Demonstrating care and concern for each student
- Providing instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served to meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards
- Providing parents with regular reports on their child's progress

AS A PRINCIPAL, I SUPPORT THIS SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT AND SHALL STRIVE TO DO THE FOLLOWING BY:

- Providing an environment that allows for positive communication between the teacher, parent and student
- Providing a quality curriculum and instructional practices that will allow students to become effective citizens
- Providing opportunities for parents to be involved in the school and in their child's education

Riverside Township School District

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September 8, 2010

Dear Parents:

Riverside Middle School is dedicated to ensuring that our students succeed. While we have always held high expectations for our students, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) has set new standards for all students to meet.

Recently, our state released a report on the "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) our schools are making toward achieving proficiency for 100% of our students under NCLB.

The report gives a simple yes or no grade, based solely on one state standardized test. Under NCLB, AYP is an all-or-nothing proposition. Please be aware that many good schools have not made AYP, both in our state and nationwide. That does not mean that these schools were unsuccessful. For example, in the last year our proficiency in Language Arts 8 has increased by 4% and by 3% in Mathematics 8.

Although our school did not meet AYP in all of the measured subgroups, it has improved in many. As a result of not meeting AYP, the state and federal government will be asking us to provide two parental choices. The first option is to inform parents that their child is eligible to attend another public school in Riverside. Since there are no other public schools in Riverside, this is not a realistic or feasible choice. The second choice is to provide *certain qualifying students* Supplemental Educational Services. These services will be provided after the school day and at an alternate location. *Only certain students will qualify for this option*. Eligible students are limited to those who are both low-income families and are also low performing. As per statute, we may not disclose to the public the identity of any student who is eligible for supplemental educational services without the written permission of the students' parent(s). Therefore, Riverside Middle School will notify those who qualify on an individual and confidential basis.

We are firmly committed to achieving our goal of success for every student. With an improved test preparation quarter course rotation in Mathematics and Language Arts, improved instructional technology, use of the Study Island web based computer program in Language Arts and Mathematics, and the implementation of a new middle school math series; we are not only proud of our current success, but excited about the prospects of our continued improvement.

Robin Ehrich

Middle School Principal

Riverside Township School District

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September 7, 2010

Dear Parents:

Riverside Elementary School is dedicated to ensuring that our students succeed. While we have always held high expectations for our students, the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) has set new standards for all students to meet.

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We are firmly committed to achieving our goal of success for every student. We are not only proud of our current success, but excited about the prospects of our continued improvement.

Sincerely,

Scott Shumway

Elementary School Principal

Riverside Township School District

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9/7/10

Dear Parent/Guardian:

RE:

This letter is to notify you that you son/daughter has been selected to receive free supplemental educational services this academic year! These services will be provided before school, after school, and/or during the summer. The services/tutoring will be *in addition to* the regular instruction that your student receives during the school year. (above and beyond our reading/math academy or summer school)

The goal is to help your child increase academic achievement in reading, language arts, and/or mathematics.

What should you do next?

1. Choose a tutoring program available through New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) list of approved providers. Find the list on the web: www.state.nj.us/education/title1/program/ss/providers/apprv-0910/ or see the attached list. The closest seems to be EdVista Learning Center in Mt. Laurel

2. Complete the attached form and return it to Scott Shumway at the Elementary School by 9/11

This notification letter is being sent to you in accordance with the No Child Left Behind regulations. Students are eligible for this program based on family income and attendance at a school that is identified as being in need of improvement for two or more consecutive years.

Approved service providers have agreed to provide services that are consistent with the instructional program of the district/state. They have also agreed to provide you and your student's teacher(s) information on the progress of your child.

If you need additional information or have questions feel free to call me at (856) 461-1255 ext. 1128

Sincerely

Scott Shumway

Principal and NCLB Coordinator

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