

# WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL

## SCHOOL – PARENT – STUDENT COMPACT

Compacts are voluntary agreements between families and schools. This compact represents what we believe at Walt Whitman High School and includes our school's revised Mission Statement (as shown below).

*The Walt Whitman High School staff is committed to creating an environment that promotes pride, individuality, and achievement. We will provide each student with a rigorous, individualized instructional program in accordance with the State Standards. Students will be active learners who will be college and career ready and able to apply what they have learned.*

Our school philosophy as an alternative school is that families, students, and school staff should work in partnership to help each student reach his/her potential. As partners, we agree to the following:

### As a student, I will:

- Believe that I can learn and will learn.
- Diligently work on my coursework to complete graduation requirements.
- Come to class on time, ready to learn and with assignments completed.
- Set aside time every day to complete my homework.
- Know and follow the school and class rules.
- Regularly talk to my parents and my teachers about my progress in school.
- Respect my school, classmates, staff, and family.
- Ask for help when I need it.

**Student's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### As a parent/guardian or family member, I will:

- Talk to my child regularly about the value of education.
- Communicate with the school when I have a concern.
- Monitor TV viewing and make sure that my child reads every day.
- Make sure that my child attends school every day, on time, and with homework completed.
- Support the school's discipline and Restorative Justice Practices.
- Monitor my child's progress in school.
- Make every effort to attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, Open House and Back-to-School Night.
- Ensure that my child gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention, and proper nutrition.
- Participate in school, home, and community-sponsored activities to meet my agreed-upon responsibility of 40 hours a year.
- Participate in shared decision making with school staff and other families for the benefit of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

**Family member's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### As a teacher, I will:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction.
- Communicate high expectations for every student.
- Endeavor to motivate my students to learn.
- Teach and involve students in classes that are interesting and challenging.
- Actively participate in professional development opportunities that improve teaching and learning and support the formation of partnerships with families and the community.
- Become familiar with the CCSS that are applicable to my subject matter (NGSS; Mathematical Practices; Text Complexity; TDQ's and Argumentation)
- Enforce rules equitably and involve students in creating a warm and caring learning environment in the class.
- Communicate regularly with families about their child's progress in school.
- Assist families on what they can do to support their child's learning.
- Participate in shared decision making with other school staff and families for the benefit of students.
- Respect the school, staff, students, and families.

**Teacher's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**We make a commitment to work together to carry out this agreement.**

**Signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.**