



***Science Leadership Academy Middle School  
School-Parent Compact  
2020-2021 School Year  
Revision Date: May 20, 2020***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

*The parents, students, and staff of Science Leadership Academy Middle School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held each year in the Spring 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. This year, the parent input meeting was held on May, 20, 2020.*

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.

***Science Leadership Academy Middle School GOALS:***

- **All students will grow at least 75 Lexile points on their reading assessment over the course of the year.**
- **All students will grow at least one level on the On-Going Assessment Project Multiplicative Thinking framework.**
- **Each Advisory will participate in creating one Weekly Advisory Memo and conduct one grade-wide Advisory activity.**

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

**SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*Science Leadership Academy Middle School will:*

**Provide and Inquiry-Driven, Project-Based learning environment**

**Provide access to daily and weekly assignments via google classroom**

**Provide detailed project rubrics for all projects**

**Provide each student with the same advisor for all 4 years of middle school**

**Hold family-teacher conferences to discuss individual student's achievement**

**Provide families with frequent reports on their child's progress:**

*Each teacher has a Google Classroom account used to communicate assignments to students and family. Families can choose to sign up for monthly, weekly, or daily notifications via Google Classroom. Each quarter, students receive an interim report at the half-way point of the quarter. Progress Notes are sent via email to families and students to communicate*

**Provide families with reasonable access to staff:**

*Families can make a request for a conference through their student's Advisor or by contacting the Secretary at 215-400-8320.*

**Provide families with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:**

*Families are invited to volunteer through the Home and School Association. This could include but are not limited to, Tuesday pretzel sales and Running Club. Families who like to run a Mini-Course on Tuesday afternoons can meet with our Community Coordinator. Classroom observations can be scheduled through the Secretary at any time.*

### **FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as families, will:

- Review school work with our students at home.**
- Ask our students questions about what they are learning, wondering about, and reading.**
- Review project rubrics before projects are due and have a conversation with our students about whether their work meets expectations or not.**
- Be in contact with my student's advisor regularly.**

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Ask questions.**
- Do research.**
- Collaborate with others.**
- Present learnings.**
- Reflect on school often.**
- Respect yourself, others, and SLA-MS as a place of learning.**

### **COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:**

*Science Leadership Academy Middle 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:*

- Progress Notes**
- Phone Calls**
- Weekly Advisory Memo**
- Google Classroom updates**
- Translations are available, as needed**

### **ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:**

*Science Leadership Academy Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.*

- Monthly Breakfast with the Principal**
- Monthly Home and School Association**
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Narrative report card conferences**
- Home and School Association sponsored events throughout the year**
- Family University sponsored events throughout the year**