

What is a School - Parent Compact?

The *School-Parent Compact* is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach or exceed grade-level goals.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality curriculum and instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate at the school

Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Nichols Elementary meet yearly to discuss student learning needs based on current grade level data. Teachers suggest home learning strategies, parents add ideas to make them more specific, and students identify ways to support their learning goals through:

- Leadership Committee feedback
- PLC feedback
- Parent Advisory Groups
- Community Forum

Activities to Build Partnerships?

- Back to School Night
- Open House Night
- Parent Cafe
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Title I/Parent Education Workshops
- Parents As Leaders (PALs)
- Parent Resource Center
- School Site Governing Committees
- English Learner Advisory Committee
- African American Parent Advisory Council
- District Advisory Committees

For more information, please contact our office at 631-5400

Communication about Student Learning

Nichols Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways parents and teachers communicate all year are:

- Annual parent-teacher conferences
- Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Reasonable access to school staff, including opportunities to volunteer and observe in the their child's classroom
- Team for Student Success (TSS)
- School Newsletter
- Parent Square

**NICHOLS
ELEMENTARY**
School-Parent Compact
2023 - 2024



STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS



BAKERSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Achieving Excellence for all students through Equity and Innovation

Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals

- **Academic Achievement:** Every student, including low-income students, English learners, and foster youth, will meet grade level expectations.
- **Social Emotional Learning -** Ensure strong social-emotional systems, structures, and programs to support students, parents, and employees.
- **Family and Community Engagement -** Ensure all parents and community members are welcomed and engaged in the learning process.

Nichols School Goals

- Increase proficiency in reading and language arts
- Increase proficiency in math
- Increase the language proficiency of English Language Learners
- Provide support in all content areas and increase opportunities for student success
- Provide a safe, healthy and secure learning environment
- Increase parent participation

Teacher, Parents, Student - Together for Success

In our Classrooms

Nichols teachers/staff pledge to:

- ❖ Provide high-quality curriculum and instructions in a supportive and effective learning environment
- ❖ Communicate regularly with families about student progress
- ❖ Actively work with families and school staff to make schools accessible and welcoming
- ❖ Have high expectations and help every child develop a love of learning
- ❖ Provide a safe and caring learning environment
- ❖ Respect students, staff, and families of different cultural backgrounds

At Home

Nichols parents pledge to :

- ❖ Communicate the importance of education and learning to my child
- ❖ Ensure that my child attends school every day, gets adequate sleep, regular medical attention and proper nutrition
- ❖ Regularly monitor my child's progress in school
- ❖ Communicate with the teacher or the school when I have a concern
- ❖ Read to my child or encourage my child to read 20 minutes a day
- ❖ Respect the staff, students, and families of different cultural backgrounds

Students

Nichols School students pledge to:

- ❖ Ask for help when needed
- ❖ Know and follow school and class rules
- ❖ Communicate regularly with my parents and teachers about school experiences so they can help me be successful in school
- ❖ Be responsible for delivering notices to my parents and encourage my parents to become involved in school activities
- ❖ Study and read books every day for 20 minutes or more
- ❖ Complete assignments and homework
- ❖ Work to resolve conflicts in positive, non-violent ways
- ❖ Respect the school, staff, classmates and families of different cultural backgrounds