

## 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 Voorhies 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.

## Activities to Build Partnerships?

All activities below will be held in person.

- Parent Cafe
- Title I/Parent Education Workshops
- Parents As Leaders (PALs)
- Parent Resource Center
- School Site Governing Committees
- English Learner Advisory Committee
- District African American Parent Advisory Council
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For more information, please contact our office at 631-5800

### Communication about Student Learning

**VOORHIES** 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:

- Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress
- Access to school will be through appointment only while in distant learning.
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- FACE Newsletter
- School Website
- Parent Square
- Aeries Portal



**BAKERSFIELD CITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

# Our Goals for Student Achievement

## District Goals

- **Academic Achievement:** Every student, including low-income students, English learners, homeless 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.

## VOORHIES School Goals

- Ensuring the goals of Bilingualism and Biliteracy, Academic Achievement, and Sociocultural Competence
- Increase proficiency in math
- Ensure student are approaching grade level in reading.

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# Teacher, Parents, Student - Together for Success

## In our Classrooms

**As a VOORHIES teachers/staff I pledge to:**

- ❖ Provide high-quality curriculum and instructions in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- ❖ Communicate regularly with families about student progress through Parent Square.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Promote Social Emotional Learning for all students.

## At Home

**As a VOORHIES parent I 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.
- ❖ Foster and support the dual language program.
- ❖ Resolve problems peacefully at home and school both academically and socially.

## Students

**As a VOORHIES student I pledge to:**

- ❖ Ask for help when needed
- ❖ Know and follow school and class rules, the Viking Code of Conduct.
- ❖ 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
- ❖ Students will complete high-quality assignments and homework to reflect their best efforts.
- ❖ Work to resolve conflicts in positive, non-violent ways
- ❖ Respect the school, staff, classmates and families of different cultural backgrounds