

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* 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 grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

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

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Houston Middle School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

**Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.**

**If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact:**

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## Activities to Build Partnerships:

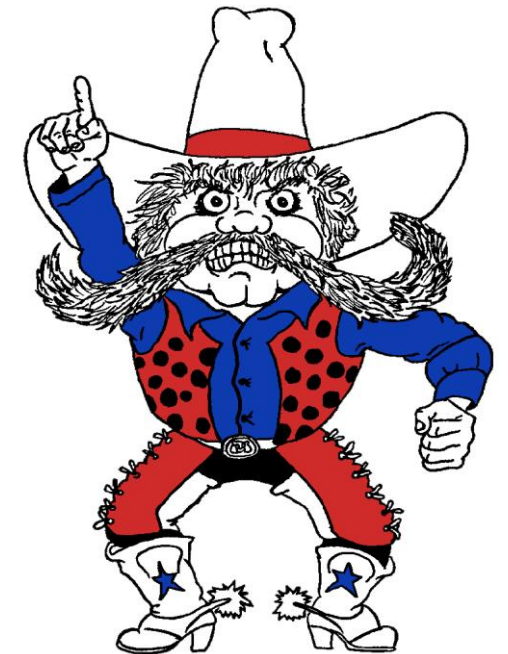
- Family Science Night at the Discovery Center
- Magnet Open House
- Open House
- Family Movie Nights
- Achievement Celebrations sponsored by businesses in the local community
- Donuts for Dads/Muffins for Moms

## Communication about Student Learning:

- Progress Reports
- Report Cards
- Parent phone calls
- Parent Emails
- Home visits (as needed)
- Teacher letters
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

## School-Parent Compact for Achievement for 2016-2017

### Houston Middle School Focus for Student Success



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## Our Goals for Student Achievement

### District Goals

Every campus will improve student performance on the STAAR/EOC assessment in each of the accountability groups as measured by:

- a. Increasing the number of students passing all tests until 95% are accomplishing this measure.
- b. Reducing the number of students failing more than 1 test.

### School Goals:

- All scores from the STAAR tested subjects will increase by 5% from the 2015-2016 school year.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading and Math scores will be 85% or higher following the first administration.

## Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

### At School:

- Provide a safe, non-threatening, and welcoming atmosphere.
- Deliver high quality instruction based on the Amarillo Instructional Model and the state curriculum.
- Provide open, ongoing communication with parents and students.
- Assist parents and students in fulfilling their portion of this compact by offering several parent involvement activities throughout the year.

School Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### At Home:

- Be aware of and encourage school safety and procedures.
- Provide daily assistance for your child with assignments and materials.
- Communicate with the school through parent/teacher conferences, email, phone calls, etc.
- Get your child to school on time daily.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Students:

- Follow rules and make Houston Middle School a safe and friendly place.
- Strive for Five daily:
  - Respect others
  - Respect our school
  - Respect self
  - Be on time
  - Bring materials
- Put forth their best efforts in academics, responsibility, and behavior.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_