

School-Parent Compact

6th Grade

2023-2024

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Activities to Build Partnerships

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Communications About Student Learning

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District goal(s):

***Increase the graduation rate
Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success
Improve student mastery of standards***

School goal(s) and focus area(s):

Increase the percent of students in grade 6 reading above grade level Lexile by 3% as measured by the IOWA Assessment by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Focus Areas: Vocabulary for informational reading.

Increase the percent of students in grade 6 meeting grade level proficiency in mathematics by 3% as measured by the IOWA Assessment by the end 2023-2024 school year.

Focus Areas: Basic math computational skills

Teachers, Students, and Parents—Together for Success

Teachers/Schools

Invite parents and families to curriculum nights where teachers model strategies for problem solving skills, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension skills in the areas of reading and math.

Provide parents a set of “About, Within, and Beyond the Text” questions and suggested list of informational types of text to help their student develop skills to read for information.

Use teachers’ canvas pages, and school’s website to share tip sheets, handouts, articles, BrainPop videos, and other educational activities to assist parents with learning at home.

Families

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Ensure that my child reads informational text, such as newspapers, age appropriate magazines, or their science textbooks and ask “About, Within, and Beyond the Text” questions after they have read any informational text to help develop my child’s skills to read for information.

Visit my child’s teacher canvas page and the school’s website to receive educational tip sheets, BrainPop videos, articles and more to assist my child with learning while at home.

Student

Attend curriculum nights with my parents where my teachers will model how my parents and I can use a variety of reading and math skills to help me to become academically successful.

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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District goal(s):

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Improve student mastery of standards

School goal(s) and focus area(s):

Increase the percent of students in grade 7 reading above grade level Lexile by 3% as measured by the IOWA Assessment by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Focus Areas: Vocabulary for informational reading.

Increase the percent of students in grade 7 meeting grade level proficiency in mathematics by 3% as measured by the IOWA Assessment by the end 2023-2024 school year.

Focus Areas: Basic math computational skills

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Increase the percent of students in grade 8 reading above grade level Lexile by 3% as measured by the IOWA Assessment by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

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