

CIRCLE OF SEASONS SCHOOL PARENT POLICY

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

The Circle of Seasons Charter School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2015-2016.

REQUIRED SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT PROVISIONS

School Responsibilities

The Circle of Seasons Charter School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
 - Circle of Seasons Charter School staff will attend trainings to create a quality curriculum
 - Curriculum will meet State academic standards
 - Circle of Seasons Charter School staff will ensure that the school is a safe learning environment
 - Use achievement data to set specific goals
 - Teachers will help parents understand what children are learning in class
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.** Specifically, those conferences will be held:
 - Teachers will hold two parent/teacher conferences annually (Spring/Fall) Parents will be given the opportunity to discuss with the teacher the student's academic progress
 - Consult with parents on communication strategies that work best with them
 - Make communication doable and user friendly
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.** Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

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- Reports will be provided at parent/teacher conferences
 - Should a need arise, teachers will communicate with parents
- 4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.** Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
- All staff has school provided e-mail for parents to communicate with their child's teacher
 - Parents are able to request a call from the teacher by contacting the main school phone number
 - Parents may contact the teacher (by e-mail or phone) to set up a one on one meeting.
- 5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities,** as follows:
- Parents are given the opportunity to participate and volunteer in various parent run committees
 - Parents are given the opportunity to attend and volunteer at school events
 - Teachers will contact parents with volunteer opportunities in the classroom
 - Parents may contact child's teacher to set up a convenient time to observe the child's classroom

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Monitoring attendance
- Making sure that homework is completed
- Monitoring amount of television my child watches
- Volunteering in my child's classroom
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education
- Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Improvement Team, the Title I, Policy Advisory Committee, the District wide Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.

Student Responsibilities

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We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

The Circle of Seasons Charter School will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of any schoolwide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.
4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
5. Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
6. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
7. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.

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8. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve the State's high academic standards, the Circle of Seasons Charter School will:

1. Recommend to the Regional No Child Left Behind District Liaison, the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State's Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.
2. Notify parents of the school's participation in Early Reading First, Reading First and Even Start Family Literacy Programs operating within the school, the district and the contact information.
3. Work in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.
4. Work to ensure that a copy of the State Education Agency's written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title I, Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.