

## What is Family-School Compact?

A Family-School 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 students get the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade level standards.

## Jointly Developed with Parents

The parents at The Heights Community School helped develop this Compact for Achievement. Schoolwide meetings are held each year to update the compact during family events and complete revisions at the April PTA meeting. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time during the year.

For more information on the compact please contact Julie Wellman at 651-293-8815.

## Communicating about Learning

The Heights Community School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Weekly Thursday take home folders
- Monthly "check-in" notes, and emails
- Teachers will give parents their prep time and email at the start of the school year.

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Parents can contact your child's teacher.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Parents are welcome at The Heights at any time. Parents wishing to volunteer in teacher requested classrooms and at activities in the building to support partnerships during the year need to fill out a volunteer form each year.

Parents who want to go on field trips will need to have an approved background check to chaperone. Background checks require a completed background check form and \$15 cash submitted to the school. Please allow 2 weeks for processing.

Translated flyers, interpreters, child care and transportation will be provided as needed. Contact Julie Wellman for more information.

## Activities to Support Partnerships

### Conferences

- Nov 15 & 20, 4:00-8:00pm
- Nov 16, 8:00am to 12:00pm
- March 21 & 26, 4:00-8:00pm
- March 22, 8:00am to 12:00pm

### Family Nights

#### 5:30-7pm (unless otherwise noted)

- Wed, Oct 10: Zones of Regulation Info Night
- Thurs, Oct 25: Family Math Night, Title I Annual Meeting & Flu Clinic
- Wed, Jan 30: Multicultural Family Night
- Mon, Feb 11: National African American Parent Involvement Day
- Thurs, Feb 28: Camp Read-A-Lot Family Night

### Spring Budget Meeting and Culturally Specific Parent Forum "Year in Review & Planning for the Future Meetings

- Thurs, April 18 Spring Budget Meeting 5-7pm  
The Heights' 2018-19 budget will be discussed at the April 18 PTA meeting
- Tues, May 14 Parent Forum 5:30-7:30pm

### PTA

- 2018-19 PTA meetings will be held from 5-7:00pm on the following Thursdays: Oct 11, Jan 10, March 7, April 18 (includes info regarding The Heights' budget for 2019-20) and May 9.

### PTA fundraising events:

- Saints North Roller Skating  
Tues, Sept 25 6-8:00pm  
Thurs, Dec 6 6-8:00pm  
Fri, Feb 8 5:15-7:15pm  
Tues, April 16 6-8:00pm
- Chuck E Cheese, Woodbury 3-9:00pm  
Wed, Oct 17  
Fri, Jan 18  
Fri, March 15  
Fri, May 10
- Plaza Theater Monday Movie Nights  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, September-May

**Parent Academy will hold two seminars in spring 2019. Dates to be determined.**

### Chat with the Principal

Join the Principal Jones to discuss what's happening at The Heights. Topics include: curriculum, testing, academic standards, Title I, SCIP, FEP, compacts and anything else you've noticed or wondered about. This event will be held on the following Wednesdays before the CARES program:

- Oct 25, 2018 8:45-9:30am
- Feb 28, 2019 1:30-2:15pm
- April 25, 2019 8:45-9:30am

## Focus for Student Success



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# 2018-19

# The Heights Community School

Prek – 5<sup>th</sup> grade



## SPPS Goals

More at [spps.org/strategicplan](https://spps.org/strategicplan)

- Decrease disparities based on race, ethnicity, culture and identity
- Increase achievement of English Learners
- Increase achievement of students receiving special education services
- Improve kindergarten readiness
- Increase academic growth in reading and math for all students
- Prepare all graduates for college, career and life

## School Goals 2018-19

More information at [spps.org/scip](https://spps.org/scip)

**Reading:** The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in reading will increase from 30% to 40% as measured by the MCA in May 2019.

**Math:** The percent of students scoring proficient or higher in math will increase from 26% to 36% as measured by the MCA in May 2019.

**Culture/Climate:** The level of implementation will be determined by the Team Implementation Checklist completed by the PBIS team.

## Parents Have the Right...

to request regular meetings for their suggestions and decisions relating to the education of their children. Please attend already scheduled meetings such as The Title I Annual Meeting (10/26), Chat with the Principal Meetings (10/25, 2/28, 4/25), PTA Meetings (10/11, 1/10, 3/7, 4/18 and 5/18) and Parent Forum Meetings (5/8, 5/15) for opportunities to learn about parent rights, give suggestions and make decisions.

A light meal, interpreters, child care and transportation will be provided as needed.

# Teachers, Parents, Students— Together for Success

**Grade level teachers** will work as a team to work with students and their families to support students' success in reading, writing and math. Some of our key connections with families will be:

Provide a Thursday folder to send information home on a weekly basis.

Provide information/activities for parents to help their child/ren learn at home.

Provide homework appropriate for each grade level.

Provide a monthly newsletter for classroom and school wide news and events.

Provide information and educational links on the grade level Webpages at [spps.org/heights](https://spps.org/heights).

Provide information regarding student progress and academic achievement at regular intervals including conferences.

## At Home

The Heights Community School parents joined staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math. Families may have other ideas to add to this list. To help support students' success in reading, writing and math, families can do the following fun activities at home:

- Read with my child every night.
- Encourage my child to complete assigned homework.
- Check the Thursday Folder and return it.
- Help my child practice their self-help skills.
- Attend Family Nights.
- Look for and read the classroom and family newsletters.
- Check out the school and classroom webpages.
- Attend Parent Academy.
- Attend conferences in November and March.

## The Heights Community Students

The Heights Community School students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach for the stars in math and reading. Students thought of the following ideas to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Read every day.
- Bring home the Thursday Folder and return it every week.
- Complete assigned homework.
- Practice self-help skills.

