



Maritime Academy Charter School

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PARENT COMPACT

Parents are an integral part of Maritime Academy Charter School as a major contributor to your child's academic and social achievement. We expect MACS parents to be learning partners with their children and school partners with the Maritime Academy Charter School staff. Parents are expected to comply with the MACS guiding principles below.

Please read the expectations below carefully. Your signature on this Parent Compact indicates that you have read this document thoroughly and agree to comply with its requirements. Your signature also indicates that, if at any time, you do not agree with the requirements of this compact, you may voluntarily remove your child from Maritime Academy Charter School.

Parents are expected to:

1. **Be involved.** Consider volunteering or becoming a member of the Home and School Association.
2. **Provide resources at home for learning.** Have books and magazines available in your home. Read with your children each day. Have a computer available that can connect to the internet.
3. **Set a good example.** Show your children, by your own actions, that you believe in settling differences and annoying situations peacefully.
4. **Encourage children to do their best in school.** Show your children that you believe education is important and that you are also a life-long learner.
5. **Value education and seek a balance between schoolwork and outside activities.** Make sure your child does his/her homework and reading. Secure a learning partner for him/her. Collaborative learning is more enjoyable and helps develop the habits needed for making academic progress.
6. **Recognize factors that take a toll on student's classroom performance:**
 - Consider the negative effects of long hours at after-school jobs or in extracurricular activities. Work with your children to help them maintain a balance between school responsibilities and outside commitments.
 - View drinking and excessive partying as serious matters. While most parents are concerned about drug abuse, many fail to recognize that alcohol, over-the counter drugs, and common substances used as inhalants are more frequently abused than illegal drugs.
7. **Support school rules and goals. Take care not to undermine school rules, discipline, or goals.**
8. **Call teachers early if you think there's a problem while there is still time to solve it. Don't wait for teachers to call you.**
9. **Assure that you and your child will comply with the Student Code of Conduct.**
10. **Accept your responsibility as parents. Don't expect the school and teachers to take over your obligations as parents. Teach children self-discipline and respect for others at home - don't rely on teachers to teach these basic behaviors and attitudes.**

Name of Parent: _____ Name/Grade of Student: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____