



# Cotee River Elementary Family/School Compact & Family Involvement Policy

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Scholar\_\_\_\_\_Teacher\_\_\_\_\_

## AS A SCHOOL FAMILY, WE WILL:

*"In our school our job is to keep you safe and your job is to help keep it safe"*

- Be sure our child arrives at school between 9:35 AM and 9:50 AM every day to assure regular attendance and we will refrain from unnecessary early dismissals.
- Follow the school arrival and dismissal procedures including changes in transportation.
- Communicate regularly with your child's teacher through all means available including folder/planner check, backpack and scheduled conferences.
- Keep the school updated with current contact information.
- Take an active part in preparing our child for school by teaching manners and by making sure our child is well rested, nourished and dressed appropriately.
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors, set an example of such behavior and attend school parent workshop.
- Support District zero tolerance to bullying policy.
- Support the teacher in learning through scheduled classroom visits and volunteering at school and/or home.
- Encourage participation in and completion of classwork assignments.
- Encourage reading at home for 30 minutes each night and limit television and computer time.
- Utilize proper sign in procedures immediately upon arrival at school and display a visitor's tag in a prominent place to ensure the safety of all.
- We will support the law put into place for a tobacco free campus; this includes the car line.
- We will stay informed of school happenings through the variety of ways information is communicated.
- We will adhere to the schools Code of Conduct and refer to it when needed.
- We will use the Parent Portal to stay informed on grades, absences and state assessment if applicable.
- We will know our child's student number when checking in or out.

## AS A SCHOLAR, I WILL:

- Make sure I am safe, respectful and responsible by following school and bus (if applicable) commitments.
- Come to school each day on time and stay for the duration of the school day.
- Come to school with a positive attitude and be prepared to learn.
- Cooperate with parents/guardians with healthy habits so that I am prepared for school each day.
- Give my parent all communication notices from the school.
- Keep my phone powered off and in my backpack until the end of the school day
- Actively participate in class discussions and schoolwork

## AS A CRES STAFF MEMBER, I WILL:

- Demonstrate a nurturing and positive attitude.
- Guide families to the appropriate school & community resources for their individual child's needs.
- Communicate progress and programs through newsletters, meetings, email, school website, and phone calls.
- Meet individual academic, emotional and social needs of each child in order to help that child grow to his/her fullest potential and provide a high-quality curriculum and environment.
- Provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere in which academic risk taking is encouraged and learning is enjoyable.
- Encourage at least one conference with each family per year either virtually or in person.
- Send school messages to families.

I have read the above agreement and received a copy of the trifold explaining that the goal of Title I is to improve scholar achievement through effective instruction, professional development, and family involvement.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Scholar Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

# Family Involvement Policy

## Our Vision Statement

*The faculty and staff of Cotee River believe that providing a safe and risk-free environment, supporting diverse needs, and making instruction challenging and meaningful for our scholars will nurture a passion for lifelong learning.*

We believe the education of our children must be a collaborative partnership between the home and school with an ongoing exchange of information.

This Family/School Compact and Parent Involvement Policy will be distributed on the first day of school each year and will be given to all new scholars on the day they enroll at Cotee River Elementary School.

Our annual Title I meeting will be held on campus at the beginning of each year. Family members will be provided with curricular information, forms of academic assessment and expected proficiency levels at Open House and through parent/teacher conferences. A parent workshop will be held each fall to provide parents with assistance in monitoring their child's progress through the Parent Portal. Several family nights will be held throughout the year to provide families with strategies and materials to assist their children in meeting grade level standards. The school will ensure that family nights are scheduled on different days of the week and at different times to accommodate personal schedules. We will work closely with our ESOL and Pre-K students and families to ensure that documents are provided in each family's home language whenever possible and assist in securing any necessary translators for conferences and/or family nights. Our staff has received training on how to reach out to communicate with parents as equal partners.

Parent comments and suggestions regarding the Family Involvement Policy at Cotee River Elementary can be submitted to administration through written form, telephone calls, and by email at anytime, as well as through the yearly Parent Survey and end of year Parent meeting. A special invitation will inform parents of dates when the Family Involvement Policy will be reviewed.

By agreeing on goals and strategies, and by sharing the rights and responsibilities of the educational process, together, we will create a learning environment where all children can succeed.

Distribution: White- School    Yellow-Teacher (Portfolio)    Pink- Parent/Guardian

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