

***General Philip Kearny***  
**School-Parent Compact**  
***2019-2020 School Year***  
***Revision Date 5/3/2019***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

The parents, students, and staff of the General Philip Kearny School, partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held during the spring of each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and family engagement.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ANCHOR GOALS:**

1. 100% of students will graduate, ready for college and career.
2. 100% of 8-year-olds will read on grade level.
3. 100% of schools will have great principals and teachers.
4. SDP will have 100% of the funding we need for great schools, and zero deficit.

**The General Philip Kearny School goals:**

- At least 70% of Kindergarten, 50% of 1st grade, and 42% of 2nd grade students will score at target by Spring Aimsweb assessment
- No more than 20% of students in grades 6th-8th will score below basic on the Math PSSA
- At least 43% of students will attend 95% of days or more with no more than 15% of students who will attend less than 85% of school days.
- No more than 20% of students in grades 6th-8th will score below basic on the ELA PSSA
- At least 60% of Kindergarten, 70% of 1st grade, and 70% of 2nd grade students will make at least one year's worth of growth, as evidenced by their independent reading level from Q1 to Q4
- No more than 25% of 3rd grade students will score Below Basic on the 3rd grade ELA PSSA

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

**SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The General Philip Kearny School will:

- Targeted students will participate in summer bridge activities and all parents are invited to participate in literacy workshops during which reading strategies at home will be shared.
- Provide workshops\monitoring to parents to keep them informed of their child's success and areas where support is needed.
- Provide parent meet and greet opportunities with principal
- Open House/Back to School Night including Annual Title I Meeting
- Parents are provided with training on how to use our reading intervention program at home

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as parents, will:

- Monitor attendance
- Monitor homework to ensure it is completed
- Monitor amount of television my child watches
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate 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

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as students, will:

- Do our homework every day and ask for help when we need it.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to our parents or guardian all notices and information received by us from our school every day

**COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:**

The Kearny School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Parents will conference on the child(ren)'s academic progress three times a year. Kearny will work to coordinate conferences at different times of day in order to best accommodate the schedules of parents/families. Specifically, these will be held during the period identified by the District as:

- November 20-22, 2019
- February 5-7, 2020
- April 15 – 17, 2020

- **September 5, 2019** Back to School Night

- Parents will be provided with Interim reports in October, December, March and May or as needed

- Parents will receive copies of all PSSA testing results

- IEP meetings will be conducted annually

- Newsletters, fliers, Robo-calls, & the Parent Portal are used regularly to communicate with parents. All communication with parents is in parent-friendly language in English and Spanish, as appropriate. Other language translations are available through the office of translation services.

#### **ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:**

The Kearny School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Parent teacher conferences will be scheduled and conducted upon written or verbal request. Conferences can be scheduled before and after school and during a teacher's prep period. The Principal maintains an open-door policy for all families.

- Parents are welcome to visit and are encouraged to volunteer.

- School Advisory Council/Kearny Friends

- Parent Workshops

- Back to School Night/Open House

- The school will reach out to local pre-K programs to invite parents to Kindergarten open houses.