YES Prep Public Schools – West Secondary
10535 Harwin Drive
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School-Parent Compact

YES Prep Public Schools cares deeply about you and your family. We believe parents and families play a vital role in every child's education and in the overall success of our school. A school compact is a written agreement between a school, families, and students that is designed to assist the student in realizing his or her full potential. Together, working in partnership, we will create a strong support network for your child if we commit to the following:

Teacher/School Commitments

As your child's teachers and school staff, we will encourage and support your child's learning. We will:

- Provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive learning environment.
- Deliver a rigorous and relevant academic program, focused on literacy, science, social studies, math, and electives to prepare your child for college and to lead a choice-filled life.
- Maintain high academic and behavioral expectations for all students.
- Adhere to high instructional standards that promote the development of the district's content standards to ensure mastery of essential knowledge and skills.
- Enforce all rules fairly and consistently to keep all students safe.
- Provide healthy meals daily to fuel the body and mind.
- Provide you with clear, consistent, and timely two-way communication.
- Collaborate and partner with families to make the best decisions for your child.
- Host college visits to help students make the best college choice for all of our secondary students.
- Arrive to school on time and we will remain until the end of every designated instructional day.
- Attend and participate in all staff meetings and professional development.
- Protect and respect the safety, interests, and rights of everyone in the YES Prep family.
- Make ourselves available to work with students and legal guardians, and we will address any concerns they might have.
- Make an effort to attend extracurricular activities and school events to help develop a positive relationship between home and school.
- Make it a priority to praise our students and take a vested interest in their overall health and well-being.
- Provide targeted academic interventions to support student learning.
- Do **Whatever It Takes** to support our students for them to be accepted to and graduate from a four- year college or university.

Student Commitments

As a student, I will be an active partner in my own learning. I will:

- Advocate for what I need to be successful at YES Prep Public Schools.
- Attend school regularly, be on time, be in proper uniform, and be ready to learn each day.
- Make time to read each night and complete my homework with my best effort.
- Complete all required courses with a grade of a "C" or better and strive to maintain an average grade point average of 3.0 or better (83%).
- Try hard and refuse to give up, asking for help when needed and attending extra-help or tutoring sessions when grades dip below a "C" average.
- Show respect and take pride in my community, my school, and myself.
- Exhibit behavior that protects and respects the safety, interests, and rights of everyone in the YES Prep family and in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
- Practice healthy behaviors such as eating healthy, being physically active, sleeping well, and having a healthy mindset.

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Family Commitments

As a parent or guardian, I will encourage and support my child's learning. I will:

- Be my child's best advocate.
- Ensure my child attends school on time, in proper uniform, and with all the necessary school supplies.
- Make transportation arrangements for my child to arrive and depart YES Prep related instructional days/obligations/events for the entire duration, excluding any serious illness or excused absence.
- Encourage, empower, and motivate my child to meet and exceed the academic achievement standards and reinforce a college-bound culture at home.
- Provide access to resources and a quiet learning environment for my child to study and make sure my child completes their homework every day.
- Make reading a priority at home by reading together and/or making sure my child reads independently at least 20 minutes per night.
- Regularly update contact information as needed to maintain two-way, meaningful communication between home and school.
- Attend family conferences, parent workshops, and other school-sponsored events, whenever possible, to support my child's educational journey.
- Support school rules as outlined in the YES Prep Code of Conduct and provide feedback and input to the staff to help improve academic achievement.
- Make my child's health and wellness a priority at home by promoting healthy eating, healthy physical activity, consistent sleep, and a healthy mindset.
- Do **Whatever It Takes** to support my child for him/her to be accepted to and graduate from a four- year college or university.

Parents and Families as Partners

We value and commit to two-way communication in the following ways:

- Provide academic remediation as needed to support student learning;
- Host Title I Meetings and Workshops;
- Utilize the new Family Portal (familyportal.yesprep.org) to communicate timely information about student performance;
- Send critical information via School Messenger and email;
- Participate in Parent-Teacher Conferences as needed;
- Plan relationship building meetings and Home Visits for incoming students and their families to build trust and mutual understanding;
- Execute Open House for all families to be held first and second semester;
- Provide volunteer opportunities for field trips and/or extra-curricular activities;
- Welcome families to schedule time to observe their child in class;
- Scheduling meetings in the morning, evenings, and weekends to support parents; i.e., College Financial Aid Counseling, College/Career Readiness, and other programs to support students' academic success.

This compact delineates how families, the YES Prep staff, and the students share the responsibility for improved student achievement. The compact also describes how the school and families will build and develop a strong partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards. We acknowledge that we have read the YES Prep Public Schools-Family Agreement/Compact and we will work together to honor all commitments with my child's campus.

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Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Principal's Signature: _____