

What is a Family-School Compact?

When families and schools work together, students are more likely to succeed in the educational setting. We are committed to fostering high expectations and promoting positive attitudes to achieve high academic standards in a safe and nurturing environment. As a reflection of that goal, the Family-School Compact is our way of encouraging support for our students from both the home and the school.

Effective compacts:

- Begin** with standards,
- Focus** on student learning,
- Respond** to school data,
- Define** everyone's responsibilities,
- Depend** on us to believe in it and use it!

The Governance Council for NEMS meets to discuss and revise the compact every year. The Governance Council includes parents, teachers, and community members. **Suggestions are welcome!**

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- ~if we are **Respectful**,
- ~if we have a good **Attitude**,
- ~if we are **Motivated** to learn,
- ~We will be **Successful!**

Opportunities to get more involved:

Enlightening the Mind Club – This club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month to discuss a new book. Students sign up in the office at the beginning of the year.

Coffee with Counselors – Every last Tuesday of the month from 10 – 11 am. Come get to know the counselors and ask your questions.

Governance Council – This Council consists of parents, teachers, and community members. Elections are held each fall. Nominate yourself, or someone you know.

Kindness Club – This club promotes kindness and helpfulness through student volunteer work for both school and the community.

Communicating about Learning:

PowerSchool is one easy way for parents, students and teachers to stay connected. Teachers can upload information on individual students. Parents and students may access that information to see grades, attendance and more. If you have not yet accessed PowerSchool, you will need a username and password to enter the system. You may obtain this from your child's school.

North End Middle School is committed to communicating regularly with families about children's learning.

Contact Us Anytime!

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Family-School Compact

7th Grade

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Principals

Main—Mrs. Gilmore
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Teachers, Parents, Students —Together for Success!

Welcome Parents and Guardians:

You are your child's first teacher – **and the most important one!**

What you do and say demonstrates to your child the value you place on his or her education. Make sure your child knows how much you value a good education and that you expect him or her to do well in school and in life!



District Goals:

1. The Waterbury Public Schools will attain high academic achievement for all students in literacy.
2. The Waterbury Public Schools will attain high academic achievement for all students in numeracy.
3. The Waterbury Public Schools will provide a safe and secure teaching and learning environment.
4. The Waterbury Public Schools will ensure that parents are actively engaged in the educational process.

In the 7th Grade

Students & Teachers

In 7th grade, students are developing stronger vocabulary, sentence syntax, and idea organization. As they read more complex argumentative, informational, and narrative texts, their writing should be maturing simultaneously. When they write, they should be supporting their claims with multiple pieces of text evidence. Achieving proficiency in 7th grade literacy supports students learning in all subjects.

In 7th grade math, instructional time builds off of 6th grade understandings to develop an understanding of proportional relationships, rational numbers, and expressions and linear equations. They solve mathematical problems involving scale drawings and draw inferences about populations based on samples. This will support them in more advanced statistical and algebraic mathematics courses.

Parents

Learning does not need to end in the classroom. Children need help at home to succeed in their studies. Try to create a quiet place for your child to study. Sit down with your child while they work on homework. By taking these steps, you will be helping your child become successful both in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit www.corestandards.org

Student Success Plans

The Student Success Plan is an individualized student-centered plan that engages every student based on their unique interests and strengths helping them to understand the relevancy of education to achieve postsecondary educational and career goals. The SSP will begin in Grade 6 and continue through high school. It will provide the student support and assistance in setting goals for academic, career, social, emotional, and physical development that meet rigorous high school and postsecondary expectations. The SSP and supporting activities, such as student portfolios, experiences outside the classroom, dual concurrent credit, along with academic/personal records should be electronic and portable following the student from school to school and district to district.



Naviance

Naviance is a web-based program that the city of Waterbury has purchased for middle and high-school students. They can complete career interest inventories, learning style inventories, etc. and search colleges and careers of their choice. This program is designed to augment SSP.