

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!**

Respect  
Attitude  
Motivation  
Success



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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# 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 8th Grade

### Students & Teachers

Students build off of skills they learned in sixth and seventh grade to make sense of longer, more challenging fiction and nonfiction texts. Focusing on context clues and textual evidence helps eighth grade students sharpen their ability to write and speak with more clarity. Students will expand their vocabulary by using online resources and use new words in their asses and their writing assignments to meet these literacy goals, students must pay attention to details in their reading and when writing.

The math skills and understanding that your child will game during eighth-grade are among the most important foundations for college and career readiness. These include working with ratios and rates, and working with variables and variable expression – the building blocks of algebra. Many of the years topics will remain a major emphasis throughout the middle school years into high school.

### 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](http://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.