



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

James Rhoads Elementary School **School-Parent Compact**

School Year 2023-2024

Revision Date:
April 28, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of James Rhoads School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring 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. Parents gave input into this document on April 28, 2023.

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 Board of Education's updated Goals and Guardrails are available on the School District Website at www.philasd.org.](http://www.philasd.org)

James Rhoads Elementary School GOALS

- 1. To increase student achievement in math and reading, k-2 phonics and fluency and 3-8 Proficiency in PSSA.*
- 2. Increase professional development to impact student learning and equity within the school.*

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

James Rhoads Elementary School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards.*
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss the individual student's achievement.*
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows: Interim reports will be sent home to parents at least once during each marking period or more frequently as needed. Middle school student interim reports will be sent home by the content specific teacher at least twice during each marking period or as frequently as needed.*
- 4. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows: Teachers will be available to parents prior to the opening of school, during the teacher's preparation periods and at the end of the school day. Teachers will also be able to conduct telephone conferences during the teacher's preparation periods, before and after school if necessary.*
- 5. Provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows: Parents can volunteer in all classrooms by contacting the teacher to determine the most appropriate day and time. The school has a Volunteer Parent Database for teachers to contact parents who have a specific skill that the teacher can utilize in the classroom. Parents can also observe in classrooms by scheduling the day and time with the classroom teacher. The school also has a classroom parent for every class for the purpose of assisting the teacher and communicating the needs of the teacher with other parents.*
- 6. Improve 2 way communication with parents.*

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- 1. Participate in the annual Title 1 Meetings.*
- 2. Attend Parent Teacher conferences*
- 3. Monitor students attendance, classwork and homework.*

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need it.*
- 2. Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.*
- 3. Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.*
- 4. Attend school 95% of the time or more*

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

James Rhoads Elementary 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:

- *Interim progress reports*
- *Email communication*
- *Google classrooms*
- *Report Card Conferences*
- *Academic Open House Days (Writing Celebrations, Math Make and Take Night)*
- *Class DOJO*

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

James Rhoads Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

Family Night
Literacy Night
Math Night
Parent Teacher Conferences
Back to School Night