

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality curriculum and instruction
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom



JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The school-parent compact is jointly developed by all stakeholders of the community; student, parents, staff and teachers. The compact is a commitment that promotes the commitment of all to ensure student achievement. Through consultation with parents of the School Site Council and the School English Learner Parent Advisory Committee, the compact is monitored, reviewed and revised to continuously meet the needs of all Vina Danks students.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

The vision of Vina Danks Middle School is to prepare all students to be successful in a global society by **increasing their high school completion rates and college going rates.**

This vision will be achieved by collaboratively working with:

The high schools that our students will transition to Parents, through services and activities which provide exposure to and encouragement for postsecondary learning experiences.

Our instructional program at Vina Danks Middle Schools offers integrated and relevant curriculum that binds challenging academics with social awareness and an expanded course of study beyond the core program that will prepare our students for high school.

Vina Danks Objectives:

Increased parent and student awareness and aspirations for college/technical training Increased student knowledge about college/technical training opportunities and their plans to participate in post-secondary education Increased information for access to college

Communication about Student Learning

Communication between parents and school is an important aspect of your child's success. We communicate school information and events through:

*Community outreach phone call

*A monthly parent calendar

*Our school website

*Flyers and letters

*School Loop

*Our Twitter. Follow us at @VinaDanks_OMSD.



SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

2025 - 2026



OUR GOALS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

DISTRICT GOALS

- Providing an equitable and inclusive education for all students
- Closing the opportunity gap
- Preparing students for success in high school and beyond
- Developing students into compassionate and engaged citizens
- Helping students become lifelong learners
- Developing students into critical consumers of information
- Helping students acquire and apply 21st century skills and knowledge
- Enhancing student, family, community, college, career, and business partnerships



SCHOOL GOALS

Our goal at Vina Danks Middle School is to prepare students for college and career. All students participate in an integrated course of study through access to our four pillars of learning – *accelerated curriculum, foreign language, technology, and community service*. Our curriculum is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and our instruction is supported through strong articulation with the High School faculty. The offering of AVID and a wide range of electives, including art, music, and home economics, also prepare students for a smooth transition to high school.

TEACHERS, PARENTS, STUDENTS - TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Vina Danks staff, teachers and administration is a committed team in ensuring that all students are provided with a safe learning environment that is also encouraging and motivating. We are committed to:
- Sending regular correspondence to parents informing them of activities, events and meetings
- Provide a “parent-friendly” environment, whereby parents are encouraged to visit the students and participate in the education of their child
- Ensure that each student receives the rigorous curricular standards for each grade level
- Consistently provide a quality, research-based program of first and second language instruction that will equally benefit both English and Spanish-speaking students.
- Enforce a fair and consistent discipline plan that includes both rewards and consequences and to provide students the skills to resolve conflicts as they occur.
- Provide all students a safe and orderly environment for optimal learning.

AT HOME

Parent involvement is an important role in the success of our children. At Vina Danks, parents are encouraged to be active participants in the education of their children. Additionally, we ask parents to support us with the following:

- See that your child arrives to school every day and on time
- Provide a consistent time/place for your child to do their homework
- Monitor their academic progress
- Attend fall/spring conferences, Back to School Night/Open House and “Coffee with the Principal”
- Teach your child to treat all adults and classmates at school with respect



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Act in a respectful manner
- Encourage classmates to do their best work
- Take responsibility to right any wrongs done to others
- Complete homework on time and to the best of their ability
- Perform as positive role models for younger students
- Be the best that you can be every day