

# **RIDGEFIELD PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL-PARENT/GUARDIAN COMPACT 2015-2016**

The Ridgefield Park Public Schools and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during school year 2015-2016.

## Responsibilities of Our Schools

Ridgefield Park Public Schools 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. All our curriculum guides will be aligned to the most recent NJCCCS according to the State schedule. Teachers' lesson planning will be guided by these guides and they will be evaluated accordingly.
2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held for:
  - Grades K-12, ESL and BSI Night
  - Grades K-6, Evening Parent Conferences
  - Grades 7-12, Evening Parent Conferences
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

### Ridgefield Park Junior Senior High School

- Progress Reports      Grades 7-12      October 16, 2015
- Report Cards          Grades 7-12      November 19, 2015
- Progress Reports      Grades 7-12      December 11, 2015
- Report Cards          Grades 7-12      February 3, 2016
- Progress Reports      Grades 7-12      March 9, 2016
- Report Cards          Grades 7-12      April 11, 2016
- Progress Reports      Grades 7-12      May 13, 2016
- Report Cards          Grades 7-12      June 30, 2016

### Elementary Schools

- Report Cards          Grades K-6      December 11, 2015
- Report Cards          Grades K-6      March 22, 2016
- Report Cards          Grades K-6      June 23, 2016

4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for personal consultation with parents:
  - Mondays –Thursdays immediately after school hours at our respective schools
  - Mondays-Fridays during teachers’ scheduled preparation periods
  - Via Email or by Phone
  
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and/or participate in their child’s class, and to observe classroom activities. Participation will include but not be limited to:
  - All class trips
  - Schools’ special events like picnics, sporting events, July 4 Parade, International/Cultural Events, Book Fairs, Other Sales Events
  - Observation of classroom activities upon appointment and/or invitation

#### Responsibilities of Our Parents/Guardians

1. We, as parents, will support our children’s learning in the following ways:
  - Monitoring my child’s attendance.
  - Making sure that homework is completed.
  - Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children’s education.
  - Promoting positive use of my child’s extracurricular time.
  - Promoting student reading at home and, where appropriate, read to my child.
  - Staying informed about my child’s education by actively communicating with my child’s teacher(s).
  - Enhancing communication with my child’s school by promptly reading all school notices and messages.