

# **Spearfish School District**

## **School – Parent Compact**

### **Mountain View, West, Creekside**

#### **Elementary Schools**

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

### **SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Spearfish Elementary Schools will:**

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the South Dakota student academic achievement standards as follows:**
  - Highly Qualified Staff
  - Curriculum aligned to South Dakota Content Standards
  - Safe and Drug Free School activities and programs
  - Scientifically Based Research Materials
  - Professional Development focused on student and staff needs
  
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.** These conferences will be held annually in October and March.
  - Other dates may be arranged as requested by the school or the parents based on student need.
  
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their child's progress.** Specifically the school will provide the following reports:
  - The Accountability and Assessment Report will be made available to parents each fall.
  - A Title 1 progress report will be provided to parents at the end of each Trimester.
  - Classroom Take-Home Folders provide information on student progress, classroom activities, curriculum covered, assessments
  - Phone calls, post cards, and notes will be used to inform parents of student progress as needed.
  
- 4. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff.** Specifically staff will be available for consultation with parents:
  - Before and after school daily and during a teacher's planning period (during regular school days) or as arranged by the parent and staff member.
  
- 5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities,** as follows;
  - Classroom Take-Home Folders provide parents with information on classroom events they may wish to observe or help with during the week.
  - School staff will request ways that parents can volunteer in the classroom or at various events during the year.

- Teachers will submit the names of parent volunteers to the school office and PAC during the school year.

## **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:**

- Monitor my child's attendance to ensure my child attends school regularly without tardiness
- Make sure homework is complete
- Volunteer in my child's classroom events
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education
- Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- Stay informed about my child's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading all notices from Spearfish Elementary Schools
- Serve, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as the elementary school parent advisory committees or other school advisory or policy groups.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

**We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the South Dakota Content Standards. We will:**

- Attend school regularly and on time
- Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to
- Read at least 20 minutes every day
- Give to my parents or adult, who is responsible for my welfare, all notices and information received by me from my school every day
- Have a positive attitude towards myself, others, school and learning
- Work to resolve conflict in positive, non-violent ways
- Follow school rules and regulations

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