



## OUR COMMUNITY COMPACT

**We know the mission of Harrisburg Academy, understand the school's Core Values, and demonstrate our commitment to each other by supporting the following Community Compact.**

- Give yourself 1 point if you know where to find a copy of the mission statement and core values.
- Give yourself 3 points if you have read the mission statement and core values.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have referred to or used the mission statement or core values in a discussion or to illustrate a point.

**We agree to respect all members of the Academy community and to treat them with kindness and dignity.**

**Examples:**

**Greetings:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you greet others daily at the Academy.
- Give yourself 3 points if you inquire about the health and well-being of others at the Academy.
- Give yourself 5 points if you extend yourself regularly to help others by holding a door, helping to carry a package or book or offer to provide any other type of support.

**Parking:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you park in a space marked with a V and not a number.
- Give yourself 2 points if you circle the parking lot until an appropriate space becomes available and not take a space designated for someone else.
- Give yourself 3 points if you always drop off your age-appropriate child and not park.
- Give yourself 4 points if you plan your drop off and pick up to avoid high traffic times and lessen parking issues.
- Give yourself 5 points if you carpool and park appropriately to lessen traffic issues.

**We agree to provide an appropriate place and time for study.**

**Examples:**

**Studying and Homework:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you have a consistent place for your child to study.
- Give yourself 2 points if you have arranged a consistent place and time to study.
- Give yourself 3 points if the study space is easily supervised or you can supervise without disrupting the studying.
- Give yourself 4 points if you regularly review with your child the accomplished homework or study and communicate with teacher if needed.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have worked with your child to incorporate flexibility in scheduling time and place to accomplish meeting your family lifestyle choices.

## **We agree to serve as positive role models.**

### **Examples:**

#### **Punctuality:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you model punctuality by planning to be on time for activities and events.
- Give yourself 2 points if your plan includes the things your child's needs to accomplish in order to also be on time.
- Give yourself 3 points if you have a plan that allows for such things as traffic and weather.
- Give yourself 4 points if you review punctuality issues with your family and make adjustments accordingly.
- Give yourself 5 points if you are willing and have adjusted your family lifestyle to ensure punctuality.

#### **Respect of others:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you model respect by not talking about others when they are not present.
- Give yourself 2 points if you model respect by approaching someone about an issue you may have with appropriate language and tone of voice.
- Give yourself 3 points if you model respect by actively listening to the other person and understanding his or her point of view.
- Give yourself 4 points if you model respect of others by being open to others who might have an issue with you.
- Give yourself 5 points if you model respect by acting on the information you receive and follow through with the commitments you make to resolve an issue.

## **We value the culture of giving fostered by our Academy community. We agree to become involved in the Academy community. We agree to give as we can of time, treasure, and talent to our community.**

### **Examples:**

#### **Classroom involvement:**

- Give yourself 1 point if read your child's teacher's newsletter every week.
- Give yourself 2 points if you have arranged to visit your child's classroom for an event.
- Give yourself 3 points if you work with the teacher or other parents to contribute supplies or materials for a class event or project.
- Give yourself 4 points if you help plan/fund a class activity or chaperoned a field trip.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have been a guest presenter or reader using your background or expertise.

#### **Parent Association involvement:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you have contributed to a Parents Association event/fundraiser.
- Give yourself 2 points if you have visited the Parents Association webpage and found ways to get involved.
- Give yourself 3 points if you have volunteered to help at a Parents Association event/fundraiser.
- Give yourself 4 points if you have agreed to act as a class mother or father for the Parents Association.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have chaired an event or ran for office of the Parents Association.

#### **Open Houses or other Academy event involvement:**

- Give yourself 1 point if you have volunteered to attend an Academy event as a parent representative.
- Give yourself 3 points if you have volunteered to act as a "first family" for a new family.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have volunteered to organize or lead an Academy event such as the book club or parent panel for Middle School or Upper School transition.

#### Academy Giving:

- Give yourself 1 point if you have ever donated to the Academy Fund (former Annual Fund.)
- Give yourself 3 points if you have donated to the Academy Fund every year.
- Give yourself 5 points if you have given your best to the Academy Fund every year.

### **We agree to communicate with the Academy about our child, following the lines of communication in our Community Handbook.**

#### Examples:

##### Attendance:

- Give yourself 1 point if you call or email reporting your child's tardiness or absence with information regarding the reason(s) for the tardiness or absence.
- Give yourself 3 points if you submit a planned absence form at least 2 weeks in advance so teachers can plan accordingly.
- Give yourself 5 points if you discuss a planned absence with your child's teacher(s) before deciding to submit a planned absence form.

##### Issues at School:

- Give yourself 1 point if you communicate with your child's teachers regarding academic or social issue raised by your child's comments or actions at home.
- Give yourself 3 points if you verify information received from or about your child before pursuing a specific course of action.
- Give yourself 5 points if you use appropriate methods of communication to verify, address, and resolve issues. (For example, email for passing on information, phone calls to verify information or concerns, face-to-face meetings to arrive at a resolution to issues.)

##### Issues at Home:

- Give yourself 1 point if you communicate issues such as poor sleep habits, change in eating habits or scheduling issues around outside activities that may have affected homework or homework production or might affect productivity in class.
- Give yourself 3 points if you communicate information about family concerns that might affect your child's ability to do his or her best work in class. (i.e., a parent traveling, family visiting, change in family lifestyle.)
- Give yourself 5 points if you communicate ongoing information about family concerns that may ebb and flow throughout a longer period of time.

### **We agree to seek information and facts directly from the appropriate sources when we have questions and concerns. We will follow the lines of communication listed in our Community Handbook.**

#### Examples:

##### Academic/Homework issues:

- Give yourself 1 point if you review your child's assignment book with him or her at some point during homework.
- Give yourself 3 points if you write notes to your child's teacher(s) concerning problems with homework production.
- Give yourself 5 points if you raise concerns with your child's teacher(s) regarding comments/grades on work he or she brings home.

### Behavior/Social issues:

- Give yourself 1 point if you verify a concern regarding issues in a class with the teacher instead of another parent or student.
- Give yourself 3 points if you call or arrange to meet with your child's teacher(s) to discuss your concerns when you suspect or hear of social or behavioral issues concerning your child.
- Give yourself 5 points if you seek support or response from an administrator only after having tried to arrive at a resolution to the matter with your child's teacher(s).

## **We agree to consistently support the Academy's expectations and policies.**

### Examples:

#### Dress Code:

- Give yourself 1 point if you have read the dress code for your child.
- Give yourself 3 points if you monitor what your child wears to school.
- Give yourself 5 points if you help select your child's clothing choices and prohibit unacceptable choices.

#### Attendance:

- Give yourself 1 point if you get your child to school every morning.
- Give yourself 3 points if you work with your child to determine the level of need in missing a day of school (in other words, no fever, no vomiting, no excessive pain, no staying home).
- Give yourself 5 points if you monitor the number of days tardy and/or absent and plan to have your child miss the fewest days of school possible (especially staying under the guideline of missing no more than 10% of school days).

#### The Explorer:

- Give yourself 1 point if you peruse the Explorer weekly.
- Give yourself 3 points if you read the entire Explorer weekly.
- Give yourself 5 points if you explore the Academy website regularly as well as read the Explorer.

## **Bonus points:**

### The quiz itself:

- Give yourself 1 point if you checked out this little quiz.
- Give yourself 3 points if you read each area.
- Give yourself 5 points if you rated yourself in each area.

### Scoring the quiz itself:

- Give yourself 3 points for suggesting an acceptable score when rating your answers. (With making only one selection in each category and including the bonus questions [yes, that means this and the next question too] there is a total of 100 points possible)
- Give yourself 5 points for suggesting a way to improve this quiz or a better way for everyone to assess and improve commitment to our Community Compact.