

# Thomas Downey High School

## School-Parent Compact



Compacts are agreements between families and schools. This compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes the ways the school and families will partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards.

### Staff Pledge:

To help each student meet or exceed the state's high academic standards, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- Communicate regularly with families about student progress through conferences, parent-teacher meetings, progress reports, and other available means
- Provide reasonable opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities
- To consider the personal worth of each individual student as a single, unique, important human being.
- To attempt to equip each learner with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values required for successful living.
- To hold students accountable for their actions at all times.
- To assess divergent ideas, opinions, and expressions objectively and deal with them in a balanced, unbiased manner.
- To consistently critique their own performance with the objective of an ever growing professional stature.
- To initiate and enforce individual classroom rules consistent with school and District policies.

### Student Pledge:

To help myself succeed in school, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- To attend school and classes regularly and on time.
- To be prepared for class with the appropriate materials and work.
- To know and obey school rules and regulations.
- To respect the rights of school personnel, fellow students, and the public in general.
- To demonstrate pride in the appearance of school buildings and grounds.
- To resolve differences in a positive way and seek adult assistance and support with resolving differences.

### Family/Parent Pledge:

To help my child meet or exceed the state's high academic standards. I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

- To visit school periodically to participate in conferences with teachers, counselors or administrators regarding academic and behavioral status of their children.
- To provide supportive action by making sure that children have enough sleep, adequate nutrition and appropriate clothing before coming to school.
- To maintain consistent and adequate control over their children and to approve of reasonable control measures as applied by school personnel.
- To cooperate with the school in bringing about improvements designed to enhance the educational program offered students.
- To provide the school with current information regarding legal address, phone, medical data, and other facts which may help the school to serve their children.
- To become familiar with District policies and school rules and regulations.