



# HAMPDEN CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE EAST

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**School-Parent/Guardian Compact**

Hampden Charter School of Science includes the following school/student/family accountability contract in its Student & Family Handbook which is disseminated annually during one of the family orientation sessions held prior to the start of the school year.

## **2020-21 HCSS—STUDENT—FAMILY ACCOUNTABILITY CONTRACT**

When you joined the HCSS community, you joined a team. To achieve our mission of student success in High School, College and beyond, we must work together. We all must have a full and clear understanding of the responsibilities of the members of this team. The HCSS—Student—Family Accountability Contract spells out the most important responsibilities.

### **School Commitment**

#### **HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION**

1. We will work tirelessly to ensure that our students get the excellent education they deserve. We will neither make nor accept excuses.
2. We will work longer school day, offer students extra help and support, and always offer our students the best we have.

#### **RESPECT and FAIRNESS**

3. We will encourage and respect every student. We will listen to students and their needs. We will not tolerate students disrespecting each other.
4. We will teach and enforce HCSS values consistently and fairly. We will communicate with families when students fail to meet expectations just as when they exceed expectations. Decisions, including consequences, will be made in the best interest of our students.
5. We will give students recognition, incentives and privileges if they do well and give consequences and remove privileges if they do not.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

6. We will communicate regularly with families about their child's progress and make ourselves available in person and on the phone.
7. We will return parent phone calls and e-mails as soon as possible, usually within 24 hours.

#### **HOMEWORK and ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

8. We will assign quality homework every night to reinforce and support skills and concepts learned in class.
9. We will support students with excellent teaching and additional help during the school day and after/before school as needed.

## **SAFETY**

10. We will always work to provide a safe learning environment. We will always work to protect the safety, dignity and rights of all individuals.

## **Parent/Guardian Commitment**

### **ATTENDANCE and PROMOTION**

1. I will not schedule family vacations during school time. I will do my best to schedule important appointments for out of school time.
2. I will make alternative transportation plans if my child is required to stay at school until 4:45 or 5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
3. After school commitments are mandatory. My child will only be excused in case of an emergency, a maximum of one time per quarter.
4. I understand that my child will be automatically retained if he/she fails 2 or more core academic classes, or is absent for more than 10 days of the school year. If my child fails 1 class, he/she must successfully complete our summer program and pass the exam in order to be promoted.

### **HOMEWORK and ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

5. I will provide a quiet place to study and see that my student completes around 1 hours of homework or more and 15 minutes reading nightly.
6. I will check my child's homework (incl. DEAR Journal) every night. I will check school database system daily to make sure with his/her attendance, grades and discipline points.
7. I will help my child study for tests and quizzes and give them support when they need help and praise when they do well.
8. I will arrange for my student to be at Saturday School if assigned by my student's teacher or teachers.

### **BEHAVIOR and DRESS CODE**

9. If student behavior requires it, I will come to school immediately. If Out-of School Suspended, I will remove my child from the building.
10. I understand that the school follows a strict bullying prevention and intervention plan and if my child violates that plan they will consequences stated in that plan.
11. I will send my child in proper dress code every day. If my child arrives out of uniform, I'll arrange for a family member to bring proper attire.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT and COMMUNICATION**

12. I agree to work to as part of a team for the academic success & behavioral growth of my child. I will return phone calls, review & sign documentation sent home including progress reports & PREP Reports. I will attend parent-teacher conferences and meetings about my child.

