



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Martin Luther King High School **School-Parent Compact**

School Year 2023-2024

Revision Date:
03/30/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students and staff of Martin Luther King High School partner together to develop the school compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students communicated to staff what would assist them in the learning process. Parents were encouraged to attend the annual revision meeting, held on 3/30/2023, to review the Compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents were also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that was also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title 1 programs, policies, and family engagement.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

[The Board of Education's updated Goals and Guardrails are available on the School District Website at www.philasd.org.](http://www.philasd.org)

Martin Luther King High School GOALS

*At least 75% of 9th grade students will be on track to earn a minimum of 5 quality credits.
At least 35% of our 12th grade students with disabilities will be on track for graduation
At least 28% of our students will attend 95% or more of school days, and no more than 30% of students will attend
At least 90% of our students will have 0 out-of-school suspensions*

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Martin Luther King High School will:

Host Back to School Night in September 2023 to discuss the instructional and social programs. Report Card Conferences will be held on November 2023, February 2024 and March 2024 to discuss student achievement. Invite the parents of students with IEPs to meetings to discuss progress and evaluations. In addition, teachers complete progress monitoring reports in SIS with respect to academics, behavior and attendance for all students. Conversations regarding student progress both academically and behaviorally will be shared with parents and students on an ongoing basis. This data will be recorded and revisited to develop additional strategies to improve student achievement.

Martin Luther King practices an open-door policy for parents/guardians. If the issue is specific, Ms. Gorley will direct the parent to the appropriate person. In addition, the school will be separated by grades, therefore, each Assistant Principal and/or Dean is also available to meet with a parent to discuss any concerns.

Partner with Ms. Gorley & Dean Brown on a monthly basis to conduct parent workshops on specific curriculum from the Common Core subjects: Mathematics, English, Social Studies and Science. The goal will be to inform parents on how to assist their children with the content listed in the syllabi.

Connect parents to teachers via email for tutorials in particular subjects or to answer a specific homework question.

Inform parents of current student assignments via Google Classroom and provide help by exposing parents to Tutor.com (an online tutoring service) to gain insight on a particular problem.

Provide syllabus to parents in regards to the academic school year 2023-2024.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

Monitor student attendance

Make sure homework is completed

Monitor amount of television my child watches

Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education

Promote positive use of my child's extracurricular time

Stay informed regarding my child's education in communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or school district either received by my child or by mail and responding as appropriate

Participate in on-going progress meetings/ and report card conferences with teachers in order to determine if my child is on target to graduate within a 4-year period

Volunteer (virtually) in my child's classroom - All adults that interact with our students must adhere to the laws of the state of Pennsylvania. Therefore, we provide volunteers with clearance forms and communicate how to complete them. Upon receiving clearances, we assign volunteers based on need and their expertise. The options can vary from assisting with retrieving students from bus drop-off to assisting students in classes.

Attend the monthly parent workshops

Assist students with registering for and attending school and district-based tutoring and other essential offerings to ensure graduation

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Complete my homework every day and ask for help when I need it
Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time
Give to my parents or guardian all notices and information received by me from my school every day
Refrain from cell phone usage during school hours
Take ownership of my learning by seeking teacher assistance
Attend tutoring when I need some assistance
Build relationships with school staff
Sustain an Official Student Government

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Martin Luther King High School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

Interim Reports
Progress Monitoring Reports
Mailings
Parent Teacher Conferences
Grade Level Newsletter
Google Classroom
SIS – Parent Portal
SIS Messenger
Email
Phone
Text
Instagram (@mlkingsandqueens)
Email our listserv to contact staff (mlkhs-list@philasd.org)

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Martin Luther King High School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

Center for Supportive Schools
Parent-Teachers Conferences
Parent Workshops
Curriculum Nights
Parent Resource Bulletin Board
Volunteering/Observing
Open House
AD (Regina Johnson) and MLKHS Alumni Association President (Khym Lawson) will attend Fall sporting events in an attempt to recruit parents as our partners
School Advisory Council