What is a Compact?

A compact is a mutual understanding between school and family. It explains how parents and teachers will support each other to increase student achievement.

This compact was created by the Derby Middle School Governance Council, a team comprised of parents, teachers and community leaders. The focus of the Governance Council is to maximize student achievement through a partnership engaging parents, staff, and community members.

Please contact the school if you would like to join this council. Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM

Family-School Activities 2015-2016

- Open House (9/8/2015)
- Parent Conferences (11/18 and 11/19/2015) by appointment only
- Winter Concert
- Spring Concert
- Band/Chorus Concert
- Science Fair
- International Night
- Monthly PTO meetings (1st Tuesday of the month)
- Monthly School Governance Council meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month)
The mission of the Derby Public Schools is to provide all students with a high quality, challenging education in a safe, supportive environment, in which to become lifetime learners.

This is what you can expect from all of us at Derby Middle School:

- To build a **positive school culture** (PBIS) rooted in CPRR’s—Citizenship, Pride, Respect, Responsibility= Success
- To create a **rigorous learning community** that is driven by high-quality teaching. Simply put, we will have a sense of urgency and a “Whatever it takes” approach to help our students reach their full potential.
- To cultivate a **school-wide culture of digital learners** to get children to use technology productively, leading to increased confidence and life-long inquiry and discovery.
- To welcome and **engage families** and the community in the life of Derby Middle School.

### District & School Goals

### Parent Support: How You Can Help Your Child be Successful

- Send your child to school regularly.
- Arrive to school on time each day.
- Look in your child’s folder/backpack each day for corrected work and important notices.
- Communicate with your child’s teacher regularly (email, notes, phone calls).
- Complete Parent Surveys.
- Encourage the use of learning websites such as Edgenuity and iXL. *(individual log on information is provided by the teachers)*

### Helpful Habits

- Develop a homework schedule or routine. **Homework is assigned daily in all grades**
- **Dedicate a quiet consistent space for your child to complete homework**
- Discuss what your child learned in school.
- Encourage your child to read daily.
- Set a bedtime and morning routine.
- Expose your child to different activities and encourage discussion about them.
- Encourage your child to play outdoors; Limit TV and video game time.
- Attend parent workshops.

### Communication

We are committed to communicating regularly with families about their children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- Newsletters
- School Website
- Teacher Websites
- Derby Middle School Facebook page
- PowerSchool (grades, attendance)
- Quarterly Progress Reports
- Quarterly Report Cards
- Connect-Ed
- Email

**Have questions about your child's progress?**

Parents can contact their child’s teachers by calling the school at 203-736-1426 or by email. Teacher email addresses are on our school website at www.derbyps.org.

**Have concerns about your child’s well-being?**

Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in Connecticut and you will reach a highly-trained call specialist who will assess your needs and provide referrals to the resources in your community. Our school psychologist and school social worker can also help you.