

Kingston Middle School -- School * Home * Student -- Educational Commitments

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At Kingston Middle School we recognize that through partnerships with parents and students academic achievement and proficiency improve. These commitments are a tool to help to encourage these collaborations.

The staff KMS is committed to providing a quality education for all students, and to recognize the essential role of parents and the value of their input. Our school staff enthusiastically makes the following commitments to you and your child.

To support achievement goals, the school staff commits to:

Commitments	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students and families with timely information about school goals and learning strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skyward updated every two weeks • Conferences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain high expectations for student performance in all areas of the school community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After-school tutoring • Learning Labs • Academic lunches • Planner sign-off
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide high quality instruction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher/Principal Evaluation Process • Professional Learning Communities – Early Release Days
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a positive, safe, and effective learning environment for all students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web mentors • Weekly student handbook announcements • Security Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information for parents through the school and teachers’ websites, newsletters, and offer workshops or resources on how they can support their child’s learning at home. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavalier Weekly – week in review • PTSA Newsletter • KMS Connection – monthly parent newsletter

To support effective, ongoing communication between school and home, the school staff commits to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce the Educational Commitments to parents. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist parents in understanding opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class, and observe classroom activities through newsletters and /or workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTSA Website • 5th to 6th grade orientation • Weekly Cavalier Message • Strengthening Families Workshops
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in communication activities, including, but not limited to, phone calls, email, and parent/teacher meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will be encouraged to call staff for answers to questions. Suggested times to call will be posted on the school website.

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We know that school is most effective when the parents/guardians are fully engaged in the learning lives of their children. Therefore the connection between the school and the home is essential to school improvement and school success.

Parent Commitments

To support achievement goals, we ask that the parents commit to the following:

- Ensure your child attends school regularly, is on time, and is prepared to learn, with the necessary supplies and homework completed.
- Talk with your child each day about school and homework; set high expectations for his or her academic achievement.
- Review your child's classwork and grades regularly through the school districts parent access website (Skyward).
- Attend school events, parent workshops, and meetings, and when appropriate, participate in volunteering, decision making, and leadership opportunities at school or in the district.
- Model good citizenship and encourage your child to demonstrate good citizenship in the classroom, school, home, and community.
- Take advantage of after-school tutoring for struggling students.

To encourage effective, ongoing communication, we ask parents to commit to the following actions:

- Communicate frequently with your child's teacher, through notes and conversation, about how well your child is doing and what you can do to help your child be successful.
- Initiate communication with school staff when there is a concern or question using the recommended times posted on the school website.

At the middle school level we know that, with parent/guardian and school support, students are now able to take on more independence and responsibility for their own learning and success in school. Reflecting on and setting their own academic goals allows them to envision and plan for success in school and future careers. Students who demonstrate personal responsibility, organizational skills, and communication skills are better prepared for the rigors of high-school.

Student Commitments

To support their achievement goals, we ask that students commit to the following:

- Set high academic expectations for myself.
- Encourage my parents/guardians to support me in my education.
- Demonstrate good citizenship; follow school rules, participate in classroom activities, and take responsibility for my learning.
- Complete all assignments, including homework, to the best of my ability.

To support ongoing communication we ask that students commit to the following:

- Talk with my parents/guardians about school each day.
- Communicate with school staff and other students in a positive manner.
- Seek the support of my parents and school staff when I have questions about my learning or other concerns about school.

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Educational Commitments for _____ Student Name

To the best of my ability, I will carry through on the commitments set forth in this document.

_____ Teacher's Signature, _____ Date

_____ Parent's Signature, _____ Date

_____ Student's Signature, _____ Date