



The **WPS Title I Parent/Caregiver Compact** provides a framework through which educators and families can work together to help children improve their academic performance. Also, it outlines how school staff, parents/caregivers, and students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and support children in achieving MA state standards.

### **Title I Program Responsibilities**

The Wellesley Public Schools Title I Program will be comprehensive and coordinated and will include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that will promote student progress and enable students to meet the MA state standards
2. Assure each student equitable access to high quality learning experiences appropriate to his/her development
3. Communicate with parents/caregivers on an on-going basis regarding their children's academic progress
4. Continue to build a welcoming school environment in which all children and families are treated with care and respect
5. Support the development, implementation and regular evaluation of a family engagement program
6. Coordinate parent/caregiver trainings through presentations, workshops, and conferences
7. Give information related to the school and family programs in an understandable and readable format and in the parents'/caregivers' native language, whenever possible
8. Supply parents/caregivers with educational materials such as book recommendations, newsletters, and journal articles
9. Seek family input and feedback regarding programs and services to ensure quality and effectiveness of programming
10. Provide assistance to parents/caregivers in understanding the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, the student academic achievement standards, and assessment tools.
11. Allow reasonable access to staff and opportunities for parents/caregivers to volunteer within the school

### **Parent/Caregiver Responsibilities**

The district is looking to parents/caregivers to support their children and the school community through the following actions and activities:

1. Recognize the importance of their participation within the school and understand that involvement in their child's education will support academic achievement
2. Promote their children's respect for peers and adults within the school community and responsibility for taking care of school materials
3. Send their children to school ready to learn
4. Read to and with their children
5. Provide assistance, when appropriate, and encourage their children to complete homework
6. Assist elementary school children with organizational skills by checking backpacks/bags, planners, etc, for notes and messages
7. Strive to participate in school meetings and workshops focused on literacy development
8. Strive to participate in general school functions and conferences and volunteer in the school, when appropriate

9. Stay informed about their children's education and communicate with the school by reading school notices and responding, as appropriate
10. Provide feedback and input to school personnel regarding student learning
11. Emphasize healthful habits at home, including adequate sleep and nutrition
12. Talk with children regarding the importance of a commitment to school, including regular school attendance and completion of schoolwork

## **Student Responsibilities**

Students will demonstrate through their daily efforts that education is important. In this regard, students agree to carry out their responsibilities in the following ways:

1. Attend school regularly and complete required schoolwork
2. Strive to demonstrate appropriate citizenship skills at all times
3. Strive to develop good decision-making and communication skills at home and at school
4. Strive to utilize self-advocacy strategies