

Independence Parent/Family/School Compact 2025-2026

Independence Elementary School Mission Statement – Independence Elementary believes that nothing is more important than children. We are continually committed to the social, emotional, and academic development of every child. Our school is a safe, challenging, caring, and supportive environment where teachers, parents, students, and community members work together to ensure all Independence students have a solid foundation for life. We strive to make the learning experiences at Independence fun and engaging while holding everyone accountable for reaching his or her highest potential.

As a parent/family/caregiver, I pledge to:

- Encourage high standards of academic achievement and positive behavior
- Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time
- Be involved in my child's education by attending conferences, looking at my child's schoolwork, calling the school, and/or volunteering my time/ joining the PTA
- Respond promptly with all school communication
- Read and discuss the Independence Family Handbook with my child and follow the guidelines
- Show respect and support for my child, the teacher, and the school

Parent/Family/Caregiver Signature _____

As an Independence staff member, I pledge to:

- Encourage high standards of academic achievement and positive behavior
- Provide meaningful and appropriate classwork/homework activities
- Respectfully and accurately inform parents of their child's progress
- Respond promptly to all home communication
- Help children to resolve conflicts fairly and consistently to build a positive sense of community
- Communicate weekly through progress reports and monthly newsletters
- Be available during and after school hours by voice mail and email
- Schedule and participate in parent/teacher conferences at least one time a year and as needed
- Offer opportunities to parents to volunteer and celebrate learning successes

Staff Signature _____

As an Independence student, I pledge to:

- Maintain positive behavior and respect the other students, their families, and staff to provide a safe environment
- Work hard to do my best in class and complete my homework
- Ask the teacher any questions about classwork/homework
- Discuss with my parents what I am learning in school
- Treat others the way I would like to be treated
- Always do my personal best

Student Signature _____

As Independence Principal, I pledge to:

- Represent all stakeholders of Independence Elementary School in affirming this contract
- Offer opportunities to parents and community partners to volunteer in the school
- Provide development opportunities and support for all Independence staff, students, parents, and community
- Be available to stakeholders and timely in responding to their needs and concerns

Principal Signature _____

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