**Independence Parent/Family/School Compact 2022-2023**

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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