



ABNER GIBBS HOME-SCHOOL LEARNING COMPACT 2019-2020

For

(Student Name)

HOME & SCHOOL: WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Public Law 103-382:

“The Improving America’s Schools Act, Shared Responsibilities for High Student Performance”:

“...each school served under this part shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State’s high standards.”

THE GOALS OF THIS COMPACT

The Abner Gibbs School Learning Compact focuses on four goals which are important to your child’s school success:

- Improving basic skills
- Motivating students to study
- Increasing student attendance
- Promoting positive behavior

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL

Research has proven that family involvement in education is an important indicator of children’s academic success. Supporting your child’s education is easier than you may think. We know that you are busy, but the time you spend helping your child to be a better student is one of the most important investments you can make. Your child is more likely to succeed if you:

- Get to know your child’s teachers.
- Help your child study at home.
- Attend school activities when you can.
- Show your child that school is important.

Title 1 is federal aid program for schools. The goal of Title 1 is to ensure a high-quality education for every child, by providing extra help to students who need it most. Your school qualifies for a schoolwide Title 1 project. This means that in addition to small group instruction, Title 1 funds may also be used to address overall school improvement. Therefore, all Abner Gibbs students are considered Title 1 students.

For more information on the Title 1 Program, or if you have questions, comments or suggestions about this Learning Compact, please contact us:

Title 1 Program
94 North Elm St. Suite 101
Westfield, MA 01085
413-572-6397



Dear Abner Gibbs Family,

A child's education is a process which requires the active participation of the student, his/her family and the school community. A Home School Learning Compact is a written agreement between the school, parents and student which defines each of our responsibilities and the actions we will take to help our children succeed at school. Compacts are required for schools receiving Title 1 funds.

This learning compact has been developed for Abner Gibbs School by a team of parents, teachers and administrators. Completing this compact signifies your willingness to be an active participant in your child's education. *We recognize that many parents already understand and more than fulfill these responsibilities.*

Please sign and return this compact. If you would like a copy for your records, it can be found on our website (www.schoolsofwestfield.org, click on *Departments*, then *Title 1*), or call 572-6397.

Thank you for your consideration of this compact.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stacy Burgess
Principal

Mr. Christopher Rogers
Administrator of Student Interventions

Abner Gibbs School is committed to helping your child reach his/her potential by:

- ✓ Providing a safe, caring school community for every child
- ✓ Providing high quality curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- ✓ Encouraging each student to learn according to their own abilities and strive for excellence
- ✓ Assigning meaningful homework with clear instructions
- ✓ Maintaining open, frequent, direct and timely lines of communication between home and school
- ✓ Promoting effective problem solving skills
- ✓ Offering opportunities and resources to address family needs and involve families in school decisions and activities
- ✓ Helping parents support learning and positive behavior at home
- ✓ Participating in professional development to enhance knowledge, strengthen skills and accommodate the individual needs of each child
- ✓ Fostering an appreciation of lifelong learning

To be filled in by teacher
An important goal for your student this year is:

Teacher Signature

As a parent/guardian I will support my child's learning by:

- ✓ Discussing with my child the importance of working hard to get the most out of school
- ✓ Discussing with my child, and holding him/her accountable for appropriate school behavior
- ✓ Making sure my child attends school on a daily basis and arrives on time
- ✓ Monitoring my child's progress and supervising completion of assignments
- ✓ Reading with my child daily and encouraging writing opportunities
- ✓ Pointing out to my child the many ways math is used in everyday life
- ✓ Providing a quiet place to read and study
- ✓ Communicating regularly with my child and the Abner Gibbs staff, so that I stay aware of what my child is learning and accomplishing
- ✓ Being actively involved in school activities and events whenever my schedule allows
- ✓ Encouraging my child's participation in school activities and events

To be filled in by parent
I will make a special effort to work with my child to:

Parent/Guardian Signature

As a student I will be an active learner by:

- ✓ Being responsible for my own behavior and treating my classmates and teachers with respect
- ✓ Respecting the cultural differences of others
- ✓ Attending school regularly and on time
- ✓ Working hard to do my best in class and to complete homework assignments
- ✓ Asking for help when I need it
- ✓ Communicating honestly and respectfully with my teachers
- ✓ Being actively involved in school activities when-ever possible
- ✓ Discussing with my family what I am learning in school and bringing home my work and notices
- ✓ Reading at home for pleasure every day
- ✓ Striving to achieve my goals

To be filled in by student
This year I am going to work hard to:

Student Signature