



RIDGECREST CHARTER SCHOOL
325 S. Downs, Ridgecrest, California 93555
(760) 375-1010 Fax (760) 375-7766

The purpose of this compact is to strengthen the bonds between the Ridgecrest Charter School staff (teachers and administration), its students, and parents or guardians. This compact clarifies the expectations, roles, and obligations of all parties. This compact will be signed by all students (with age-appropriate simplification). Signing of this compact is required for admission to and continued enrollment at the school.

Administration and Teachers:

1. Acknowledge the right of parents to participate in all decisions affecting their children. We agree to:
 - a. provide periodic reports on student progress;
 - b. consult with parents concerning any marked changes in student performance or behavior;
 - c. respond promptly to parent phone calls and requests for conference.

2. Affirm our obligation to provide a quality educational opportunity for each child. We agree to:
 - a. consider and respond to individual needs of children and their families;
 - b. provide a strong curriculum, preparing children for the future;
 - c. provide competent personnel who demonstrate a caring attitude toward children;
 - d. maintain a safe and secure school facility and an atmosphere conducive to quality education.

3. Welcome parents as full partners in the educational process. We agree to:
 - a. encourage parent visitation and participation in school activities;
 - b. provide numerous and varied opportunities for parents to fulfill their volunteer and educational obligations;
 - c. treat each student, parent, and staff member with dignity and respect.

Parents and Guardians:

1. Acknowledge that supervision of a child is the joint responsibility of the school and the parents. I/we agree to:
 - a. supervise and assist in the completion of homework, providing a suitable place and schedule for its completion;
 - b. support my student(s) learning at home by reading to them as appropriate and monitoring their television viewing (both in subject matter and time);
 - c. make sure my student(s) arrive at school each day well-rested and prepared to learn;
 - d. support and reinforce the school's attendance, conduct, discipline, and dress codes;
 - e. treat all school personnel and other parents with respect and dignity;
 - f. make every effort to attend school-sponsored workshops to strengthen my skills as an effective parent.

2. Understand the need for prompt communication with the school. I/we agree to notify the school immediately: Regarding concerns about student performance, instruction, or other issues; regarding matters that may affect the student's behavior at school.

3. Participate in the on-going life of the school community. I/we agree to:
 - a. as possible, attending school events including Back-to-School Night and other programs, parent/teacher conferences, PTO meetings, and school functions;
 - b. participate in and support the school's Parent Association, including fund raising efforts that provide additional educational opportunities;

Students:

1. I recognize that I have the ultimate responsibility for my learning, my behavior, and my development as a citizen of the community. I agree to:
 - a. strive for excellence in my academic work at school and at home;
 - b. complete all work to the best of my ability;
 - c. show respect at all times toward my teacher, school employees, other adults on campus, and fellow students;
 - d. show respect and take care of school property and the property of others, including backpacks and textbooks;
 - e. arrive at school on time and prepared to learn;
 - f. follow the school rules, including the dress code;
 - g. set a model for others to follow as outlined in the conduct code.

Parents and students may withdraw from this compact at any time and arrange for attendance at another school.

Should the parents or student substantially and continually fail to honor these contract conditions, the school reserves the right, as a last resort, to dismiss the student from the school. Prior to dismissal, the following due process steps will be observed:

The student and his/her parents will be notified in writing of the reasons for the recommendation of dismissal. A hearing will be held by the Board of Directors, at which time the school staff, the student, and the parents will have opportunity to present evidence and testimony supporting or opposing the recommendation. The Board of Directors will make a final decision regarding dismissal or a lesser alternative.

Parent Signature (s): _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (s): _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____