



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Benjamin Franklin High School School-Parent Compact

School Year 2023 - 2024

Revision Date:

03/30/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Benjamin Franklin High School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the Spring each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. This year that meeting was held on March 30, 2023. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Family Engagement survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs, policies and family engagement.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

[The Board of Education's updated Goals and Guardrails are available on the School District Website at www.philasd.org.](http://www.philasd.org)

Benjamin Franklin High School GOALS

80% of students will graduate on-time within a 4 year cohort

80% of students will be in the CTE program will graduate with their CTE certification,

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Benjamin Franklin High School will:

Provide training to parents to help them support their child(ren). Topics may include technology based programs, Parent Portal, online intervention programs.

Maintain communication with parents/guardians regarding the academic performance of students and school rules/expectations.

Host a Back to School Night in September 2023 to discuss Title I, the school budget, curricular programs, and the annual calendar.

Provide quarterly reports to parents regarding the academic performance of their students.

On a monthly basis a parent newsletter will be posted on the school website to inform family members of the initiatives and events that are occurring at BFHS.

Host celebrations for parents to share in the attendance and academic accomplishments of their children and celebrate families that consistently attend school activities including SAC events.

Provide mentoring opportunities for students, particularly 9th graders.

Provide opportunities for two way communication between families and school.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

Participate in school sponsored activities that are held to inform parents about ways to help students excel academically.

Attend quarterly report card conferences to obtain information regarding the progress toward earning required credits.

Familiarize ourselves with the District's attendance policy and encourage our children to adhere to it. Send in absence notes when appropriate.

Support the school's ability to communicate with families by providing email and postal addresses, phone number, and emergency contact updates as necessary throughout the year.

Register in the parent portal

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Adhere to the School District of Philadelphia's Code of Conduct.

Attend school regularly and on time.

Attend all classes and complete all coursework.

Bring my ChromeBook and charger to school daily.

Use cell phone for educational purposes and emergencies only while at school.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Benjamin Franklin High School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

Parents will conference on the child(ren)'s academic progress three times a year. We will work to coordinate conferences at different times of day in order to best accommodate the schedules of parents/families. These will be held as follows: November 27, 2023; February 1 - 2, 2024; and, April 4 - 5, 2024.

Interim reports will be shared by the following dates: September 29, 2023; December 15, 2023; February 23, 2024; and, May 3, 2024.

Parent information board in the Parent Engagement Center

Parent letters

One call telephone system

School website

Twitter

BFHS InstaGram accounts (#BFHSnews and #BFHSfreshmanacademy)

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Benjamin Franklin High School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

Parent Workshops

Back to School Night

Lunch/Dinner Events in the Franklin Stove

Award /Recognition Ceremonies

Open Door Policy for the Parent Engagement Center

Family Recruitment Events

Parent training for online programs: Parent Portal.

Transition activities (incoming 9th grade, work force, post high school goals, college)

Full access to the Community Closet

School Advisory Council

Parent-Teacher Conferences