

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

240 Ege Ave
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We believe that every one of our scholars is capable of high achievement and we want each of them to reach their full potential.

To this end, we will do everything we can to provide a school environment that is safe and encourages learning. However, we know that the active participation of Parents/Guardians in their child's education, our joint leveraging of community resources, and, of course, a child's own desire to learn, are equally critical to a scholar's academic and personal growth.

To increase your family's desire to partner with us, our school personnel will endeavor to be caring, sensitive and responsive to you and scholars, as well as to do our best to respect the dignity of each scholar and scholar family by acknowledging their personal circumstances and cultural/linguistic inheritances.

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) §1116(d) encourages schools, families and scholars to commit to the school community that they will each do their part to fulfill their shared responsibilities for high student achievement. Schools, student families, scholars and the community must work together as knowledgeable, mutually respectful partners to support each scholar's learning. When parents reinforce their children's learning through educational activities at home and in the community, it encourages children to develop positive attitudes about school and teaches them to become lifelong learners. We, accordingly, desire to work together with you to ensure your child reaches his or her full potential, benefited not only by highly qualified teachers and individualized academic instruction when at school, and by further learning support when not.

We've developed a **School-Parent-Scholar Compact** for the 2023-2024 School Year. We are requesting that you read it with your scholar and that you both sign below, acknowledging your understanding and commitment.

Please return the signed Compact to your scholar's homeroom teacher by **Friday February 2, 2024.**

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL TITLE 1 SCHOOL-PARENT-SCHOLAR COMPACT

Empowerment Academy Charter School, the parents of its students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and its participating students pledge: 1) that they will do their part, as outlined below, to help the student attain high academic achievement; and 2) that they will work on building a partnership that helps the student achieve mastery of New Jersey's challenging state academic standards.

SCHOOL PLEDGE:

The entire Empowerment Academy Charter School staff assures that:

- High standards have been set and will be clearly communicated to students and parents
- All students will be provided a supportive and effective learning environment
- All students will be regularly assessed on their performance
- Parents will be provided regular, periodic progress reports
- Parents will receive timely responses to suggestions or concerns about the education of their children
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be scheduled
- Instructional staff will be accessible to parents

- Parents will be welcomed into the school as volunteers
- Parents will be notified about school and district meetings regarding Title I
- Staff will update homework assignments and scholars' grades on OnCourse Connect, our online system for parents
- Homeroom Teachers will review students' agendas/folders and establish a daily routine for collecting scholars' forms
- Staff will provide support for scholars, parents, and guardians to work together

PARENT / GUARDIAN PLEDGE:

As a parent / guardian of a student enrolled in the Empowerment Academy Charter School, I will, in the following ways, support my child(ren)'s learning growth:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day on time (*LES- 7:20 am/8:15 am; UES/MS- 7:15 am; HS 8:15 am*) at the designated arrival spot with the exception of when s/he is sick
- Ensure that my child is picked up on time at the designated pickup spot
- Read with my child or encourage my child to read every day for *at least 20 minutes*
- Make certain that homework is completed and handed in on time
- Check my child's folder or planner once a day as well as check/respond to emails, remain abreast of the school calendar, check the school website for updates, and read monthly Parent Newsletters - Monitor my child's academic progress via Oncourse Connect regularly
- Participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my child's education
- Participate in at least 3 school community opportunities (i.e. PTO Meetings, Back to School Night, Promotion Ceremony, Math Night, Literacy Night, etc.) per academic year
- Attend all mandatory and requested Parent-Teacher conferences

STUDENT PLEDGE:

As a student enrolled in the Empowerment Academy Charter School, I will in the following ways, support my own learning and success:

- Share in the responsibility to improve my academic achievement and master the State's high standards
- Complete my homework every day and ask for help when needed
- Read every day outside of school time
- Study/ be prepared for all classes and tests
- Give school notices/ information received by me to my parent/guardian, who is responsible for my welfare
- Uphold the school's core values and code of conduct

Parents/Guardians/Scholars: If for some reason there are difficulties in following through on these pledges, please reach out to an Empowerment Academy staff member for support. We would be happy to speak with you to discuss how we can work together as a team!

Otherwise, please sign below and return by February 2, 2024.

I have reviewed the ***Title I Parent-School Compact*** and understand the information provided to me.

TITLE I COORDINATOR DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE GRADE LEVEL