# Middlesboro Middle School Parent-School Learning Compact

Effective schools are a result of families and school staff working together to ensure that children are successful in school. A learning compact is an agreement among groups that firmly unites them. This is an invitation to be involved in a partnership with your child's school.

## Parent/Guardian

I want my child to achieve; therefore, I will encourage my child to do the following:

- See that my child attends school regularly and is on time
- Supports school staff in maintaining proper discipline
- Set aside a specific time for homework and review it regularly
- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for study
- Encourage my child's efforts and be available for questions
- Stay interested in and aware of what my child is learning
- Read with my child and let my child see me read regularly
- Communicate with my child's teacher on a regular basis

#### Student

It is important that I work to my best ability; therefore, I will strive to do the following:

- Attend school regularly
- Be prepared for school each day with completed assignments and supplies
- Work cooperatively with my classmates
- Respect myself, my school, and other people
- Follow rules of student conduct

#### Teacher

It is important that students achieve; therefore, I will strive to do the following:

- Provide necessary assistance to parents so that they can help with homework
- Encourage students and parents by communicating regularly about student progress
- Provide high quality instruction in a supportive and nonthreatening environment
- Provide varied learning opportunities for students to enable them to meet academic expectations
- Hold expectations high for all students, believing that all students can learn
- Contact parents regularly to convey something positive about students
- Make myself and my classroom accessible to parents, encouraging them to visit the school, observe different classes and speak with various staff members

### Principal

I support this compact for parent involvement; therefore, I will strive to do the following:

- Provide a safe environment that allows for positive communication between the teacher, parent and student
- Encourage teachers to regularly provide homework assignments that will reinforce classroom instruction
- Make myself accessible to parents, encouraging them to visit our school, observe in different classes, and speak with various staff
- Encourage parents and school staff to encourage and reward effort, be patient, and not expect perfection
- Encourage parents and staff to support appropriate discipline
- Encourage teachers to learn about their students outside their school work (friends, interest, hobbies, etc.)
- Provide workshops for parents to inform them of the total school program, including school goals and assessments used.

| Student Name (Printed):        | Date: |
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| Parent's Guardian's Signature: |       |
| Student's Signature:           |       |
| Teacher's Signature:           |       |
| Principal's Signature:         |       |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Verification of receipt - Please fill out/sign and return to school