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TITLE I SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

2025-2026

Middlesex County STEM Charter School (MCSC) and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2025-2026.

Middlesex County STEM Charter School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
 - *MCSC employs only Highly Qualified teachers and keeps the student/teacher ratio 15:1 or less.*
 - *The school designs its curriculum to address the NJ Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) where appropriate, which follows national and state grade-appropriate guidelines for all core subjects.*
 - *Title I eligible students will be provided extra academic assistance in the basic skills subjects of math and English Language Arts, in which they need help. They will receive this help in the form of Supplemental periods, plus in-class support from Title I teachers.*
 - *The school provides many opportunities for students to excel beyond the regular classroom studies through participation in academic competitions (e.g., Science Olympiad & Math Counts), school clubs; these vary each year, as they are sponsored by the school staff.*
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.**
 - *Parent-teacher conferences will be held two times during the school year.*

3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.

- *Student progress will be constantly updated in the Genesis*
- *Progress reports will be emailed at the end of every marking period*
- *Teachers will promptly inform parents of sudden changes in academic performance*

4. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff.

- *Teachers and administrators will be available for in-person consultation by arranged appointment.*
- *Teachers and administrators will maintain e-mail accounts for convenient correspondence with parents.*
- *Teachers and administrators will also be available for phone conversations with parents.*

5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's classroom activities as follows:

- *Parents are encouraged to become involved in the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO).*
- *Parents are encouraged to volunteer as chaperones for school trips and other events, and clubs.*

Middlesex County STEM Charter School Parents will:

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- *Maximizing student attendance at school.*
- *Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school, either received by my child or by mail, and responding as appropriate.*
- *Providing a good study environment at home and making sure homework is completed.*
- *Motivating with praise for achievement.*
- *Attending parent-teacher conferences and parent workshops or meetings at school whenever possible.*
- *Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time; limiting video gaming and watching television.*
- *Encouraging reading for pleasure.*
- *Volunteering at school whenever possible.*