



Parental Involvement

The success of TMCS depends on the support and cooperative efforts of parents and teachers. The presence of parents and other volunteers at the school demonstrates the dedication and commitment to education by the individuals in our school community. Parental involvement and investment in TMCS is central to our educational structure and success.

Parents are urged to read and sign a Family Partnership Agreement at the beginning of each school year.

As its contribution to the partnership, TMCS commits to:

- Provide a program of academic excellence which fulfills the goals expressed in our mission statement
- Provide a safe and supportive environment for learning
- Communicate with parents regularly regarding their child's progress and needs
- Promptly notify parents of any disciplinary action necessary regarding their child
- Assist parents in meeting their obligation to their child's educational needs and their responsibility to the school

As their contribution to the partnership, the parents/guardians agree:

- Read and understand TMCS philosophy and policies
- Provide a home environment which nurtures a love of learning
- Help their child with homework and read daily
- Ensure that their child has adequate rest and nutrition
- Participate in school related functions at school and/or in the

community

- **Commit three hours per month of service to the school**

Students also have a responsibility in this partnership. As their contribution to the partnership, students agree to:

- Attend school as scheduled, arrive on time, and the event of absence, the student's parent or guardian will directly email their child's teacher regarding their absence
- Obey the rules and regulations of the school
- Be courteous, compliant, and respectful to school staff and personnel
- Be respectful and considerate of classmates
- Complete homework assignments in a thorough and timely manner

Teacher/Parent Communication

It is each classroom teacher's responsibility to effectively communicate with their classroom parents. Teachers will inform families of their system of communication at the beginning of the school year. Teachers may choose from the following methods to keep parent informed of classroom happenings and events:

- Weekly Emails
- Newsletters
- Class Websites
- Class Social Media Page

Teachers will provide preferred contact information at the beginning of the school year. Teachers are supervising students and/or planning instruction during school hours. Please allow teachers (for non-urgent questions) 24 hours/one workday to reply to emails or phone calls. Your child's teacher will make every effort to respond to an urgent parent email or request as soon as time permits. If a parent has an emergency, it is best to call the school office. A parent can request a meeting with their child's teacher at any time throughout the school year.

To meet with a teacher in person, an appointment scheduled in advance is required to ensure the teacher is available to offer a parent their undivided attention. When entering the building parents will enter through the main entrance and sign in using the Ident-a-kid system found in the lobby before going to the classroom.

It is important to note that The TMCS staff is engaged with students throughout the school day as well as during arrival and dismissal times. Please refrain from approaching staff to ask detailed questions or have lengthy conversations when they are supervising students.

School-Parent Compact
The Mountain Community School
2024-2025

The staff at The Mountain Community School recognizes the positive effect of parent involvement on student achievement. We must work together to help all students meet the curriculum and standards. A commitment from each person to support learning is imperative.

As a parent/guardian, I, _____ will:

- Talk to my child about school activities each day.
- Encourage my child to do his/her best each day.
- Encourage good study habits and completion of homework.
- Communicate with staff to share/receive information to help the teacher know my child.
- Be an active member in my child's education and attend school functions.

As a student, I _____ will:

- Complete all assignments to the best of my ability.
- Come to school on time, prepared, and ready to learn.
- Communicate school information to and discuss school activities with the adults in my life.
- Read some, write some, and do some math each day.
- Let teachers/counselors/staff know how we can best support you.

- Follow the student code of conduct and our PBIS expectations (Take time to listen; Make good choices; Care for self, others, and the environment; and Strive to do your best).

As a school, The Mountain Community School will:

- Use strategies that work best for each student.
- Communicate with parents in a jargon free way as often as possible.
- Explain grading and assessments used to indicate achievement and keep grades updated.
- Provide motivating, engaging, and relevant learning experiences.
- Provide high-quality instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- Give students specific feedback in a timely manner.
- Do our best every day to help our students be successful in school.
- Establish a Family Engagement Policy that promotes open communication and involvement of all educational stakeholders.