



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Academy at Palumbo **School-Parent Compact**

School Year 2024-25
Revision Date: 3/5/24

Dear Parent/Guardian,

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students, and staff of Academy at Palumbo partnered together to develop this School-Parent Compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring of 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 5, 2024. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the School Parent Involvement 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)

Academy at Palumbo GOALS

- At least 97.5% of students will graduate with their 4-year cohort
- At least 90% of all students will attend school 90% of days or more.
- Additional Keystone proficiency goal is to be determined based on 2024-25 School Plan
- At least 93% of students will score proficient/advanced on the Literature Keystone by 11th grade

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

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Academy at Palumbo will:

- 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:

As an academic magnet school, the clear mission of Academy at Palumbo is to provide our students with the most comprehensive and intensive academic preparation for the rigors of higher learning. Our curriculum is rooted in the nationally based ETS College Board AP program, the SDP School Board's Goals and Guardrails, the SDP Core Curriculum, and Accelerate Philly Strategic Plan. As an integral part of this preparation, the Academy's mission must necessarily include raising the aspirations of each student, developing universally applicable problem solving techniques, and instilling a life-long passion for learning while including a rich cultural arts experience.

Hold parent-teacher conferences 3 times during the school year:

November

January

March

Back to School Night will be held in September 2024

- Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

-Report Cards

November 15

January 30-31

March 27-28

-Interim Reports

- Provide parents with reasonable access to staff. Parent/teacher communication is vital to the educational success and experience of your child. It is a team approach that focuses on each student's needs, concerns and growth. Every staff member at the Academy at Palumbo is invested in your child's success- please contact individual teachers through distributed email addresses or through contacting the Main Office and leaving your name, phone number or email address. Please indicate what your concern or question may be. That way, the staff member can be assured of having whatever information is necessary.

-Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

Parents may volunteer at any time with the approval of the principal and teacher (if applicable). Other opportunities include but are not limited to: Site Selection, Fall Feast, Winter Concert, Spring Concert, Theater productions, Diversity Day, Career Day. Monthly Home & School meetings are utilized to share priorities and initiatives.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

We, as parents, will:

- Send my child to school healthy, well nourished, clean and prepared to learn.
- See that my child is punctual and attends school every day.
- Support the school's discipline policy.
- See that my child wears appropriate clothing as outlined in the school uniform policy (Dress Code).
- Check homework on a daily basis.
- Encourage my child's learning efforts and answer his/her questions.
- Discuss (in person, by telephone, or through email) my child's progress with each teacher, at least once each report card period.
- Share responsibility for the behavior of my child in school and understand that unacceptable behavior (as determined by teachers and other staff members) will result in consequences as set forth in specific class syllabi, the school and School District of Philadelphia's Code of Student Code of Conduct.
- Recognize that my child's selection to the Academy at Palumbo requires my commitment to support the faculty, staff and volunteers as they strive to assist my child to be a productive and cooperative member of the school community.
- Ensure that my child is aware of the rules and policies contained in the Student Code of Conduct.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Do homework every day and ask for help when I need it.
- Attend school on time every day, prepared to learn.
- Give to my parent or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.
- Serve as a productive member of my school community.
- Take an active role in my college preparedness and post-graduation plans.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Academy at Palumbo 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:

- Scheduled parent/teacher conferences
- Report card conferences
- Back to School Night
- Interim Reports
- Notes, emails, or phone calls to parents
- Home and School Meetings
- SIS - Infinite Campus
- Naviance
- Provide virtual meeting options to families who request them

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Academy at Palumbo offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

These programs include:

- Back to School Night
- School Advisory Council
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Parent Workshops
- Volunteering / Observing
- Open House
- Online/virtual activities (webinars, online chats)