

MOUNTAIN ROAD SCHOOL

5 Abode Road New Lebanon, NY 12125

Community Compact of Understanding

At Mountain Road School we believe that education works best as a cooperative process among teachers, staff, parents, students and the community at large. Parents' involvement in their children's education contributes greatly toward their success and Mountain Road School relies on this cooperation to create the innovative and alternative educational environment that is at the core of our mission. This compact of understanding is a way of clearly stating our common commitment to collaboration in creating a learning community that nourishes and supports all of its members. If a situation ever arises in which the spirit or words of the compact is consistently not being met, all involved parties gather for a Compact Meeting to discuss and plan solutions. It is through this level of commitment and cooperation that we are able to successfully fulfill the school's mission.

The Student pledges to:

- Do my best to learn while in classes and when doing the home-study I am assigned.
- Show respect, through my words and my actions, for myself, my school, my teachers, other people, and materials.
- Be inclusive of others and resolve conflicts in a positive, non-violent manner.
- Take responsibility for my actions and my safety.
- Believe that I am a person who can learn in many different ways.

I, _____, **Student**, will do my best to keep this agreement.

Date _____.

The Parents pledge to:

- Read the school handbook and abide by the policies and guidelines set out in it.
- To the very best of my ability give 2 hours of volunteer service per month or 20 hours per year (or a payment of \$15/service hour) that will benefit the school and help my child and others learn.
- Ensure that my child arrives at school on time (8:30 am) rested, well fed and ready to learn.
- Ensure that my child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather and with a nutritious lunch, snack and water bottle.

- Help my child take responsibility for completing home-study assignments in a timely manner.
- Keep myself informed and up to date about events and issues at school by reading the notices in newsletters, e-mails, posted announcements and in notes sent home via backpack express.
- Attend all individual parent/teacher conferences and at least one community meeting per year.
- Help strengthen the school community by participating in events and discussions whenever possible.
- Show respect and support, through my words and actions, for my child, other students, the staff and the school.

I, _____ and _____,
 Parent(s)/legal guardian(s), agree to do my best to follow through with the responsibilities listed above.

Date _____.

The Administration and Staff of the Mountain Road School pledge to:

- Provide a safe, cooperative and respectful environment for learning.
- Believe that all students can succeed and learn.
- Nurture each child's innate creativity and encourage his/her self-expression using many modalities.
- Communicate and work with each family to support their child's learning.
- Have challenging expectations for students and staff.
- Seek out and value parent participation and input in all areas of the school community.
- Respect and honor the cultural differences of student and their families.
- Seek to improve our program through an ongoing cycle of planning, evaluation and refinement.

We, _____,

Teachers and _____, **Director**

Pledge the school staff's commitment to the above stated responsibilities and ideals.

Date _____.

What the Mountain Road School Community Compact means for students:

The Student pledges to:

- **Do my best to learn while in classes and when doing the home-study I am assigned.**

This means:

No disruptive behavior in class: Interrupting, side conversations or physically distracting others.

No refusing assignments in or out of class.

- **Show respect, through my words and my actions, for myself, my school, my teachers, other people, and materials.**

This means to show respect for:

The authority of adults – respond to adult direction

Each other – no teasing, put-downs or physically hurting others

Equipment – no stealing, throwing or damaging objects

Our community – no vulgar language

Myself – taking care of myself, believing in myself and my capabilities, trying my best

- **Be inclusive of others and resolve conflicts in a positive, non-violent manner.**

This means:

No threats or intimidation

No hurting others – hitting, kicking, biting

No exclusion

- **Take responsibility for my actions and my safety.**

This means:

No lying

No running indoors

No leaving supervised areas

No wrestling or inappropriate rough play

- **Believe that I am a person who can learn in many different ways.**

We want everyone to try – just give it a shot, even if it's new!