



NEUSE CHARTER SCHOOL

TITLE 1 SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Mission Statement

Neuse Charter School educates K-12 students through a personalized approach to growth and achievement. High expectations and a focus on diverse perspectives provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in a global society.

Raising the BAR in K-12 Education~Being Accountable Right now

What is Title I? Title I is a K-12 program that provides additional academic support and learning opportunities for students at schools with an identified percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged children. **NCS is a Targeted Title I school.** With a poverty rate of less than 40%, NCS has been granted funds to support students who have been identified as having the greatest need for special assistance either because they are failing or are at risk of failing to meet state academic standards.

What are the benefits of Title I? Our Title I program will provide your child with educational support both in and beyond that regular classroom. How do we use Title I funds? To increase student mastery in their learning and academic achievement. Some benefits may include:

- Title I Tutors/interventionists
- Instructional Supplies
- Professional development for school staff
- Families' engagement and education events
- Classroom supplies

What is a Home/School Compact? A compact is another word for “contract” or “agreement.” The Neuse Charter School Home/School Compact is an agreement between the school, students, and caregivers. It outlines how we work together to make sure our students are exposed to high-quality curriculum and instruction and receive the individual support they need to reach and exceed grade-level standards. The purpose of the Home/School Compact is to foster student mastery in their learning and academic achievement.

Plans for Family Engagement: We believe families play an essential role in their child/ren’s education and prepare them for academic success and lifelong learning.

Our school will host events to keep you informed about all things related to school, and your child/ren's progress, and workshops/opportunities to help you support your child/ren's education at home: These include:

- **NCS Community Day:** The week before school starts
- **Virtual Open Houses,** so you may take in the information during a time that fits your schedule
- **Classroom Volunteer Opportunities**
- **Family/Teacher Conferences:**
- **Family Surveys:** sent out annually

Programs and dates are subject to change. Look for flyers, emails, school website updates, social media posts, and in your child/ren's bookbag for information. Please let us know if interpreting services are needed.

Ways to Volunteer- Opportunities range from

- Assisting in classrooms in preparing materials
- Reading and practicing math with students
- Joining the Parent Ambassador Group
- Supporting carpool

As a school, we will:

- create a welcoming, positive, safe learning environment
- provide a high-quality, well-planned curriculum and instruction that enables students to meet the state's academic standards
- set high expectations for our students
- enforce school rules fairly and equitably
- maintain open and ongoing communication with parents/caregivers and students in a language they can understand. Staff will communicate with parents via telephone, email, and written correspondence. All messages will be returned within 48 hours.
- provide parents/caregivers with school and teacher contact information
- provide opportunities for conferences during which your child/ren's progress and the Home/School Compact will be discussed as it related to learning mastery and academic achievement
- provide frequent progress reports to parents/caregivers
- provide families with various opportunities to be involved in their child/ren's education, such as Title I workshops/ meetings, volunteer opportunities, Parent Ambassador events, and school-wide events.

As a parent/caregiver, I will:

- ensure my child gets plenty of sleep, comes to school regularly and on time, and is ready to learn
- make sure my child/ren understands and follows school rules
- teach my child to be respectful to school staff and other students
- demonstrate a positive attitude about school and learning
- encourage my child/ren to do their best
- make sure my child completes assignments and homework
- provide an area where my child/ren can do their homework
- communicate with my child/ren's teacher/s regularly
- update contact information as soon as a change occurs
- volunteer when possible.

As a student, I will:

- get ready for school on time, be prepared, and be ready to learn
- be respectful of my classmates, teachers, and school staff
- follow the school and classroom rules
- complete all of my assignments and homework
- read outside of school every day
- ask for help when I need it
- always do my best.

We are equal partners in your child/ren's education: please give us your feedback on the Home/School Compact, family engagement events, and volunteer opportunities by talking to your child/ren's teacher or school administration, completing surveys, and attending the Annual Title I meeting in the fall. If you have any questions or would like to share comments, concerns, or feedback, please contact one of the following:

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