

## SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

*Country Gardens Charter School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), 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 the means by which 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 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015 school years.*

### School Responsibilities

**Country Gardens Charter School will:**

**Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's**

Parents will receive Deficiency Notices if their child is not at grade level. Teachers will communicate with parents if their child is not working at grade level.

**1. student academic achievement standards as follows:**

Provide instruction in content areas that is aligned to Arizona Academic Standards. Students who qualify for Title I services will receive Reading Intervention Services during and after school and Math Intervention Services after school.

**2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.**

Specifically, those conferences will be held: Open Conferences are available for parents to attend, Parent Teacher Conferences are held in November, April, and May.

**3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.** Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows: Deficiency notices for students who are not at grade level and not completing homework at midterm times three times per year, Open Conferences held for parents/guardians held monthly, Parent -Teacher- Student conferences, phone calls and emails and newsletters to parents/guardians.

**4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff.** Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

Staff is available to meet with parents on Open Conference, Parent Teacher Conferences and other times by parents contacting the office to reach the teacher. Many teachers provide email addresses for parents to contact teachers at any time.

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

Parents may visit classrooms by setting up a time with the school principal at any time.

## Parent Responsibilities

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

- *Monitoring attendance.*
- *Making sure that homework is completed.*
- *Monitoring amount of television their children watch.*
- *Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education.*
- *Promoting positive use of my child's extracurricular time.*
- *Staying informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.*
- *Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Improvement Team, the Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the District wide Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.*

## Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. Specifically, we will:

- *Do my homework every day and ask for help when I need to.*
- *Read at least 15- 30 minutes every day outside of school time.*
- *Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.*
- *Attend school every day unless excused by parent.*
- *Do my school work and not disrupt the educational process.*

Country Gardens Charter will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of any schoolwide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.
4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

5. Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school's curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children's progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
6. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
7. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.
8. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve the State's high academic standards, Country Gardens Charter School will:

1. Recommend to the local educational agency (LEA), the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State's Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.
2. Notify parents of the school's participation in Early Reading First, Reading First and Even Start Family Literacy Programs operating within the school, the district and the contact information.
3. Work with the LEA in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.
4. Work with the LEA to ensure that a copy of the SEA's written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title I, Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.

School	Parent/Guardian(s)	Student
Date	Date	Date

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT SIGNATURES ARE NOT REQUIRED)**