

# Lincoln School/Family Compact

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents,

Research has shown that cooperation and communication between home and school increases a child's chances of being successful in his/her learning. This compact is a written agreement between parents, school staff, and students clarifying the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved. Each person signs an understanding of, and commitment to, his/her responsibilities.

Please read the agreement carefully. Please also read and discuss the student section with your child. We then ask that both you and your child check-off each bullet point, sign the compact, and return it to school no later than Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. This compact will be reviewed with you at Fall Parent/Teacher conferences, but can also be accessed on the Lincoln School webpage. Please ask in the school office should you need a hard-copy.

Thank you for your support! The staff at Lincoln School looks forward to building a strong partnership with you in the growth and development of your child.

Sincerely,

Michael Wagner  
Principal

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## Lincoln School Improvement Goals

All students will be proficient in:  
Reading, Writing, Math, Science, & Social Studies.

### The Bear Necessities

Be responsible Every day Always be Respectful & Safe!

#### *Responsibility*

Being accountable for words and actions, being trustworthy and reliable by completing tasks.

#### *Self-Control*

To make good choices about your actions and reactions to different situations.

#### *Compromise*

When two or more people give up something in order to reach an agreement.

#### *Tolerance*

To recognize, accept, and appreciate similarities and differences between yourself and others.

#### *Peacefulness*

Getting along with others and respecting their differences.

#### *Respect*

An attitude of caring about self, others, places, and things.

## St. Joseph Public Schools

### LINCOLN ELEMENTARY



*Student*



*Parents*



*Teacher*

### COMPACT

2015-2016

*Welcome to our Lincoln School Family!*

#### Lincoln Mission Statement:

Our Lincoln School Family will guide each student towards a bright and successful future.

#### St. Joseph Public Schools:

The purpose of SJPS is to prepare students to successfully meet the challenges of the future, and inspire caring compassionate, motivated individuals who will perpetuate the American way of life.

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## **As a Teacher/Principal, I will:**

- Enforce the Bear Necessities Program and provide a safe, secure, and positive environment for learning.
- Have high expectations for all students, and respect and support each child's uniqueness in his/her development as a learner.
- Provide high quality curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Provide meaningful and appropriate learning activities that relate to the student's real life and abilities.
- Assign homework that supports the core curriculum.
- Communicate often and openly with parents using multiple modes of communication (newsletters, phone calls, meetings, e-mail, web-site, etc.), encouraging active involvement in their child's learning.

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**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **As a Student, I will:**

- Be an active member of Lincoln School Family.
- Follow our Bear Necessities and encourage others to do the same.
- Attend school on time and regularly.
- Show respect for myself, other students, my family, and adults at school, as well as school property.
- Demonstrate pride in my daily work, ask questions when I don't understand, and know my responsibilities.
- Complete all assignments, including homework, to the best of my ability and in a timely manner.

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**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **As a Parent, I will:**

- Support the district-wide Bear Necessities Program.
- Encourage my child to show respect toward himself/herself, fellow students, and adults by being a positive role model myself.
- Encourage my child to take pride in his/her school.
- Make sure my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Be actively involved in my child's learning experience by:
  - Asking for, and establishing a time and place for homework to be completed, and checked daily.
  - Speaking to the teacher about my child's progress.
  - Communicating with the teacher.
  - Checking the backpack daily.
  - Reading daily to or with my child.
  - Closely monitoring, and limiting my child's TV, video, and computer game use.
  - Attending Parent/Teacher conferences and other school activities.
  - Volunteering within, or outside of school as my schedule permits.
  - Respecting/Supporting the uniqueness of my child as he/she develops as a learner.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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