WCS MIDDLE SCHOOL
HOME/SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT COMPACT

TEACHER/SCHOOL:

I understand the importance of the school experience to every student and my role as a teacher and model. As a school, we are committed to provide a high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children at Wissahickon Charter School to meet the challenging state academic standards. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

**Interacting with students**
1. Teach necessary concepts to your child
2. Provide rigorous academic instruction
3. Try to be aware of the needs of your child
4. Celebrate your child when they do well
5. Provide a safe school, emotionally and physically
6. Provide ample time for play and outdoor time
7. Provide opportunities for each child to grow and shine
8. Provide access to healthy meals, both breakfast and lunch

**Interacting with caregivers**
1. Communicate when things are going well and when we have concerns in a language that family members can understand (to the extent practicable).
2. Provide report cards three times a year and conferences twice a year
3. Communicate updates on class studies and projects
4. Provide ample notice of events and field trips
5. Provide an open door to hear your concerns
6. Respond to your concerns in a timely manner
7. Respond to calls promptly
8. Come to meetings on time
9. Provide the best way(s) that I may be reached
10. Provide opportunities to volunteer or observe

Teacher _______________________________ Date __________________________

**STUDENT:**
I know my education is important to me. It will help me become a better person. I know my caregivers want to help me, but I am the one who has to do the work. Therefore, I agree to do the following:

1. Follow the CARES commitment:
   - **Collaboration:** I am kindly working and playing with others
   - **Assertion and Academic Excellence:** I am politely speaking up. I am trying my best
   - **Responsibility:** I am taking ownership of my actions
   - **Empathy:** I am considerate of others and their feelings.
   - **Self-reflection:** I am able to think about my choices and feelings

2. Return completed homework on time
3. Take home all notes, newsletters and corrected work
4. Be at school on time unless I am sick
5. Be responsible for my own behavior
6. Pay attention and ask for help when needed

Student ___________________________ Date ___________________________

PARENT/CAREGIVER:

I realize that my child’s education is very important. I also understand that my participation in my child’s education will help his/her achievement and attitude. Therefore, I agree to carry out the following responsibilities to the best of my ability:

1. Come to meetings on time
2. To always attend report card conferences
3. Communicate any changes regarding address, phone number or life changes to the school
4. Return phone calls and emails from the school promptly
5. Read the mail and newsletters coming from school
6. Bring concerns directly and respectfully to the staff member you have a concern with
7. Return forms in a timely fashion
8. Notify the school when a student is sick or will be absent
9. Make sure your child arrives to school on time

**To support your child by:**
1. Encouraging my child to follow the CARES commitment
2. Checking their homework nightly
3. By reading class newsletters and websites
4. Signing their reading log nightly
5. Making sure they get to bed on time and 9-11 hours of sleep each night
6. Letting the teacher know if a student seems to be struggling academically or socially
7. Providing any documentation about IEPs or other outside services
8. Give my child a quiet place to study
9. Volunteer as much of my(our) time and talents as possible
10. Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of my child and positive use of extracurricular time

Parent/Caregiver ____________________________ Date ____________________________