



### PARENT/GUARDIAN SCHOOL COMPACT

The Sterling High School Board of Education believes that the education of children is a joint responsibility of the home and of the school. To ensure that the best interests of the child are served in this process, a strong program of communication between home and school must be maintained.

The Board feels that it is the parents/guardians who have the ultimate responsibility for their children's in-school behavior, including the behavior of pupils who have reached age 19 but are still for all practical purposes under parental authority. During school hours, the Board, through its designated administrators, acts in place of the parents/guardians.

The Board directs that the following activities be implemented to encourage parent/guardian-school cooperation:

- Each school in the district shall hold an open house periodically to provide the parents/guardians with the opportunity to see the school's facilities and to meet the faculty.
- Staff members will meet with the individual parents/guardians or groups of parents/guardians of those pupils having special abilities, disabilities, needs or problems.
- Parents/guardians shall be notified in accordance with the law of specific rights they have regarding the education of their children.

The board believes that the parents/guardians have a responsibility to encourage their child's career in school by:

- Supporting the school in requiring that the children observe all school rules and regulations, and by accepting their own responsibility for their children's willful, in-school behavior.
- Sending children to school with proper attention to their health, personal cleanliness and dress.
- Maintaining an active interest in the pupils' daily work and making it possible for the pupil to complete assigned homework by providing a quiet place and suitable conditions for study.
- Reading all communications from the school and signing and returning them promptly when required.
- Cooperating with the school in attending conferences set up for the exchange of information on the child's progress in school.
- Keeping the school apprised of any changes in factors in the home situation which may affect pupil conduct or performance. Parents/guardians are specifically requested to inform the school of any changes in legal custody of the child.
- Assisting with maintaining the continuity of instruction by insuring their child's attendance on a daily basis; and when necessary to provide a physician's certification, in accordance with board policy, to document the cause of illness absences (Please read "Attendance Policy 5200" posted on the Sterling web page).

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Principal

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Parent or Guardian

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Telephone Number

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Student Name (Please Print)

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Date

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Telephone Number

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Date