

# Compact Legislation

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**Public Law 103-382, The Improving America's Schools Act, Section (d),  
"Shared Responsibilities for High Student Performance":**

“. . . each school served under this part shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

**Such Compact shall . . .**

1. describe the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the children served under this part to meet the State's student performance standards; the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their children's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion, and television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time; and
2. address the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum:
  - a. parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact shall be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement;
  - b. frequent reports to parents on their children's progress; and
  - c. reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.”

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