



International American School of Cancun
Parent Compact
2011-2012

Mission Statement

The International American School of Cancun is an independent U.S. style secondary school, offering a program of academic excellence in a bilingual, multinational setting to qualified secondary students. We provide a caring and stimulating environment that fosters a lifelong enthusiasm for learning and prepares our students to become responsible citizens in a rapidly changing world.

IAS Parent /School Compact

This compact outlines how the shared responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve their potential.

School Responsibilities

IAS will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment:**
 - Providing quality instruction and leadership
 - Providing hard copies of the syllabi each semester
 - Posting syllabi on teachers web sites
 - Offering students additional support through tutoring programs after school (at an additional cost)
 - Helping each student achieve the school's high academic standards
- 2. Offer opportunities for parents to meet with staff and administrators:**
 - Holding an annual Parent Meeting early in the school year
 - Holding bimonthly conferences on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 (speed meetings)
 - Offering individual conferences with teachers, administrators, or the school psychologist through appointments made in the office
 - Maintaining an open line of communication through email or phone calls
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress:**
 - Issuing bimonthly progress reports directly to students
 - Issuing report cards five times a year
 - Offering Internet access to grades that are updated weekly
 - Offering counselor contact
- 4. Provide parents with reasonable access to staff and opportunities to volunteer and participate in school activities. Parents can make suggestions and participate in decision making at IAS via:**
 - Sharing their insight and dialog with administrators and teachers
 - Becoming a member of the IAS Parent Association
 - Participating in the Athletic Booster Club and/or the Pacto de No Violencia
 - Completing Parent Surveys
- 5. Report on the school's academic progress via:**
 - Posting information on the school web site
 - Sending updates through email correspondence
- 6. Provide extracurricular activities**
- 7. Look for potential abilities within each student**

Parent Responsibilities

As parent(s) and/ or guardian(s), we will support student academic accomplishments in the following ways:

- Make sure that my child attends school and classes, in proper dress according to guidelines listed in the Parent-Student Handbook
- Make sure that my child is punctual and prepared with proper materials
- Make sure that my child seeks additional assistance when needed
- Make sure that my child completes class assignment and homework assignments
- Maintain open communication with child's teacher, schedule and attend parent-teacher conferences
- Check my child's grades on a regular basis
- Encourage my child to participate in extra curricular activities, sports activities, and tutoring sessions (when needed)
- Keep up to date with communications from the school via newsletters and the web site
- Keep open communications with the school
- Volunteer to help in school activities when possible
- Participate in parent organizations as much as possible
- Understand and support the International American School of Cancun's discipline policy, including all its rules, rewards, and disciplinary consequences.
- Take into consideration given by the school to help ensure the success of my child.

Student Responsibilities

As a student of the International American School of Cancun, I will take all measures possible to facilitate my success.

Specifically, I will:

- Attend school daily in proper dress, according to guidelines listed in the Parent-Student Handbook
- Attend classes, arrive punctually, and behave in the manner of a scholar
- Complete all class and homework assignments to the best of my ability
- Comply with all school policy and procedures
- Provide my parents with communication from the school
- Come to school with all materials necessary for learning: textbooks, pens, notebooks, etc.
- Check my teachers' webpages on a daily basis
- Maintain a positive attitude about school and respect the fact that the IAS staff are professionals who know what is best for my learning.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR AGREEMENT BY SIGNING BELOW AND RETURNING THE SIGNED PORTION TO THE OFFICE.



We have read the Parent Compact and are in agreement.

Parent/Guardian(s) signature: _____

Date _____

Student's signature: _____

Date _____