

**Pequannock Valley School**  
**“2006 New Jersey School of Character”**

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The Pequannock Valley Middle School community wants to achieve the highest level of success for every student. Together, we make the commitment to motivate, challenge, and inspire each other to do the best we possibly can in everything we do. Parents, teachers, administrators, school counselors, office staff, and students need to work together to achieve this goal. This is our pledge:

***Principal and Assistant Principal:***

I will do my best to:

- Provide a safe, respectful, and caring learning environment that promotes uninterrupted instruction and learning
- Communicate regularly with parents about building goals, progress and events
- Provide instructional programs that support all students' learning abilities
- Be accessible and open to feedback and new ideas
- Regularly monitor school programs and procedures for efficiency and effectiveness
- Provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's learning
- Express high expectations for each child and offer praise and encouragement for achievement

***Teachers:***

I will do my best to:

- Provide a safe and caring learning environment
- Provide a rigorous curriculum that also addresses students' various ability levels
- Keep each parent/guardian regularly informed of classroom activities, curriculum content, and their child's academic and behavioral progress
- Provide assistance to parents seeking to help their children at home
- Express high expectations for each child and offer praise and encouragement for achievement

***Counselors:***

I will do my best to:

- Provide a safe and caring environment where students can freely express their concerns
- Serve as a liaison between teachers and parents, providing an arena for conversations about student progress
- Regularly monitor student progress and discuss this progress with the student
- Help students develop requisite study skills, organizational skills or other skills that will enhance their school experience

***Office staff:***

I will do my best to:

- Provide a safe, welcoming and caring learning environment
- Support learning and instruction through facilitating home-school communication
- Minimize classroom learning interruptions
- Assist parents in obtaining school and district information

***Parent or Guardian:***

I will do my best to:

- Supervise the completion of student homework and studying
- Make sure my child reads the recommended number of minutes on his/her own or with me
- Help my child master their math numbers and addition, subtraction, multiplication or division facts
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and at least one school event during the year
- Express high expectations for my child and offer praise and encouragement for achievement
- Help my child be ready to learn each day well rested, respectful, and working toward independence
- Keep open lines of communication with the school

***Student:***

I will do my best to:

- Complete quality class work and homework
- Follow all classroom and school rules
- Respect other people, property and the community
- Read on my own or with my family every day
- Practice my math numbers and facts until I master them