

Is Compass Right For My Child?

Compass Public Charter School is a highly challenging program similar to the Gifted and Talented programs in many traditional schools. This doesn't mean that a student must have an IQ of 130 to be successful at Compass. Our direct instruction, repetition, rhyming and choral response method of instruction teaches to all learning styles. However, there are skills, characteristics and elements that must be in place to produce success. Please check the website ([Skills Expectations](#)) under each specific grade for the skills, characteristics and parent involvement that will lead to achievement. The key element of success is based on the "three legged stool" philosophy - if one leg of the stool is "broken", the stool will not work. What makes up each leg? The school is one leg - providing a rigorous academic program, having high expectations for both academics and behavior, and communicating with students/parents. Parents/guardians are the second leg of the stool - communicating with teachers, supporting the school especially in the area of homework and attendance expectations and encouraging their child. The student is the third leg - they need to come to school each day with a positive attitude and desire to learn. Students should have a strong work ethic and the fortitude to make good choices regardless of reward or consequence.

When is Compass **Not** a Good "Fit"?

- Your child expects to be entertained at school
- Your child **does not** have independent work habits
- Your child misses a lot of school
- Your child **does not** like to follow rules
- You and/or your child hope to escape a situation which you view as negative
- You assume that a charter school is like an alternative school
- You hope that this school can "fix" your child
- You are forcing an unwilling child to come (this is true especially for upper grades)
- Your child has difficulty with a schedule that involves many transitions

When is Compass a **Good** "Fit"?

- Your child loves to learn
- You are training your child to be a hard worker
- Your child enjoys being challenged academically
- You want an excellent education for your child
- You are involved in your child's learning
- You view homework as academic practice and training for future responsibilities
- You plan for your child to attend college
- Your child prefers an environment that provides structure and routine
- Your child needs auditory as well as visual input in order to learn
- You are training your child to be kind and respectful
- Your child follows rules when s/he understands the reason behind them

Compass is a school of choice, therefore, choose wisely!