

## What is a School-Parent Compact?

Our annual school-parent compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

Effective Compacts:

- Link to academic achievement goals
- Focus on student learning
- Share strategies that staff, parents, and students can use
- Explain how parents and teachers can communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to observe, volunteer, and participate in the classrooms.

## Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff worked together and shared ideas to develop the school-parent compact. Teachers met with their subject area teams to design practical strategies for parents to use at home. Parents provided valuable feedback on their needs to help our students. Students were given opportunities to add ideas for the compact. Meetings are held each year to review and revise the compact based on school's academic achievement goals and students' needs.

Parents are encouraged to provide feedback on the compact at any time during the school year. All feedback will be collected and reviewed during the annual revision meeting with parents. Contact Alicia Crawford, Parent Engagement Coordinator, if you need additional information on how you can contribute to the School-Parent Compact.

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## Building Partnerships

There are many opportunities at our school for parents to volunteer and play a role in their child's education. Please consider joining the faculty, staff and your student through some of the following events and programs –

- PTO Meetings
- Title I Meetings
- Curriculum Night/Parent Trainings
- Volunteering
- Family Engagement Programs/Workshops
- Georgia Milestones Prep Rally

## Communication about Student Learning

Ware County Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parents and students with access to our staff. We also use many forms of communication to share about student learning. These forms include:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Open House
- Emails/Remind and DOJO Messages
- Agendas
- Teacher websites/blogs
- Parent Portal
- School Website and Social Media
- Curriculum Night
- Report Cards and Progress Reports

## Ware County Middle School 2019-2020 School-Parent Compact

**One Team, One Goal, No Excuses!**



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## Academic Achievement Goals

### *District goals*

**Goal 1:** Increase academic achievement in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies 3% in proficient and distinguished on Georgia Milestones in FY20.

**Goal 2:** Increase the number of students with disabilities scoring proficient and distinguished by 6% in Reading on Georgia Milestones in FY 20.

### *School goal*

Increase by 3 percentage points the number of students performing on grade level in all content areas (Math, Science, Social Studies, and ELA) as measured by GMAS Spring test administration.

### *Area of Emphasis*

Acquire and use new vocabulary by applying root word definitions.



## *Teachers, Parents, and Students—Together for Success*

### *As a school, we will...*

1. Provide a list of root words and definitions to practice at home.
2. Provide trainings/workshops on skills so that parents may better help their students at home.
3. Provide suggested writing prompts for parents to use at home.
4. Provide multiple opportunities for families to discuss students' academic achievement through conferences, phone calls, and emails
5. Provide families with free apps and websites to practice skills at home.



### *As parents, we will...*

1. Set aside a time to practice root words at home and encourage my child to study root words and definitions.
2. Attend trainings/meetings such as curriculum nights and PTO meetings to learn skills that may help me help my child at home.
3. Work with my child using writing prompts provided by the teacher.
4. Contact my child's teacher to discuss my child's academic achievement by phone, email, or by scheduling a conference.
5. Use the apps and websites provided to help my child practice academic skills at home.

### *As students, we will...*

1. Practice root words and definitions at home daily to increase vocabulary.
2. Bring home agendas, newsletters and announcements to inform parents of workshops, trainings, and meetings.
3. Complete all writing assignments and use the corresponding rubrics.
4. Talk to my parents about my school day and what I am learning.
5. Use the apps and websites provided to practice academic skills at home.