

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 goals
- ◆ Focus on student learning
- ◆ Include strategies staff, parents, and students can apply
- ◆ Explain how parents and teachers can communicate
- ◆ Explain how parents can volunteer and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Ruskin Elementary School developed this School-Parent Compact to promote achievement. Teachers suggested home learning activities; parents added ideas to make the activities more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. An input meeting is held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute ideas any time throughout the year. If you would like to volunteer and/or participate in the classroom, please contact: Linsey Hayman at (912) 287-2325 or lhayman@ware.k12.ga.us.

Building Partnerships

Ruskin Elementary will host a variety of opportunities to build family engagement throughout the school year. We strive to build a partnership between the school, parents, and the community.

- ◆ Fall Open House
- ◆ Parent Workshops
- ◆ GMAS Parent Workshop
- ◆ Parent Teacher Conferences

Details on specific events will be sent home periodically.

Communication about Student Learning

Ruskin Elementary understands the importance of maintaining meaningful two-way communication with families.

Methods of communication may include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Homework folders/Agendas
- ◆ Phone calls/Emails/Texts
- ◆ Thrillshare (calls/texts)
- ◆ Remind
- ◆ Flyers & Notices
- ◆ Parent Meetings
- ◆ Parent-Teacher conferences
- ◆ Progress Reports & Report Cards
- ◆ School Website/Facebook
- ◆ School Newsletter

Do you have questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone (912)287-2325 or email. E-mail addresses are on the school website at

www.ware.k12.ga.us/o/ruskin-elementary-school/staff .

RUSKIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Focus for Student Success

**School-Parent-Student
Compact for Achievement**



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Teacher/School Responsibilities

Provide students with appropriate books to increase Lexile/AR level, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Provide homework, vocabulary lists, skill sheets, apps, and websites for families to practice at home.

Provide multiple opportunities for families to discuss their child's grades via conferences, phone calls, Remind, texts, e-mails, and agendas.

Provide workshops in order to share classroom strategies with families.

Utilize software programs and technology to increase student achievement.

Donna Solomon 7.1.2023
Principal's Signature Date

Family Responsibilities

Encourage my child to read appropriate books to increase Lexile/AR level, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Check homework and skill sheets to ensure my child completes homework and studies for assessments.

Contact my child's teacher to discuss their academics through conferences, phone calls, or emails.

Participate in workshops to gain knowledge and skills in order to help my child achieve academic success.

Help my child become more fluent in reading and math using materials, apps, and websites provided by the teacher or Parent Resource Center.

Student Responsibilities

Read appropriate books to increase my Lexile/AR level, vocabulary, and comprehension.

Use my skill sheets to complete my homework and study for weekly tests.

Talk to my parents about my school day and what I am learning.

Bring home notices about parent workshops and other school meetings.

Practice reading and math skills using materials, apps, websites, and practice sheets my teacher has provided.

District Goal for Student Achievement

Increase the number of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the GMAS in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies by 5% annually.

Ruskin Goal for Student Achievement

Increase the number of students scoring in the proficient and distinguished categories of the GMAS in ELA, Math, and Science by 3% in FY24.

Ruskin Focus Skills for Student Achievement

K, 1st & 2nd Grade Reading & Math Focus Skills:

- ◆ phonological awareness/phonics
- ◆ sight word fluency
- ◆ vocabulary
- ◆ reading fluency and comprehension
- ◆ writing
- ◆ math fact fluency
- ◆ math computation

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Reading & Math Focus Skills:

- ◆ reading for comprehension
- ◆ close reading
- ◆ writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
- ◆ math fact fluency
- ◆ math computation and word problems

Attendance—IS IMPORTANT! For students to be academically successful, they NEED to be present at school. It is the goal of Ruskin Elementary to work with parents to ensure that ALL students are present every day. We understand that children get sick and emergencies arise. Please contact your child's teacher and/or school when your child is absent. When your child returns to school, they MUST bring a note signed by the parent/doctor explaining the absence.