

What is a Family-School Compact?

A Family-School Compact for achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers will honor for the success of their student. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach and exceed grade-level standards.

EFFECTIVE COMPACTS:

- ✓ **Link** to goals of the School Improvement Plan
- ✓ **Follow** the NC Common Core
- ✓ **Focus** on student learning skills
- ✓ **Share** strategies parents can use at home
- ✓ **Explain** how teachers and parents will communicate
- ✓ **Describe** opportunities for parents to participate

Family & School Together

This Family-School Compact for Achievement was created to support our students, their families, and our school community. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Meetings will be held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and/or observe in the school, please contact Michelle Shackelford at (910)251-6190 or by email at michele.shackelford@nhcs.net

FAMILY-SCHOOL COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

2016-2017

4th Grade



Forest Hills will develop globally minded leaders by fostering respect, safety, collaboration, and high academic standards for all.



Explore the world. Be the change!

**Forest Hills Global
Elementary**

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Communication about Student Learning

Forest Hills Global Elementary School is committed to communicating regularly with families about student learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate are:

- ✓ District, school and teacher websites
- ✓ Weekly reports/folder
- ✓ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Regular distribution of Mustang Mail
- ✓ Connect 5 automated phone message

Questions about your child's progress?

Contact your child's teacher by phone (910) 251-6190 or email through the school website at www.nhcs.net/fhills

Conferences

October

Beginning of Year Parent/Teacher Conference

February

Middle of Year Parent/Teacher Conference



Parent -Teacher Family Nights

September 20th - Curriculum Night/Title I Mtg.

**October 14th - PTA Movie Night October 31st -
Global Pumpkin Palooza**

November 15th - S.T.E.M. Night

Science - Technology- Engineering- Math

December 6th - Global Arts Night & Book Fair

January 20th - PTA Chili Cook Off and Bingo

February 21st - Campfire Stories Around the

World March 21st - Rock the Tests

April 21st - World Global Fair

May 9th - Summer Learning on the Lawn

Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals:

The New Hanover County Board of Education sets goals for the entire district. The district goals are:

- Have high expectations for all students.
- Have equity at all schools regarding facilities, services and staffing.
- Ensure all students are actively engaged in meaningful learning and experiences.
- Use data to inform and drive decisions regarding curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Provide students diverse educational opportunities.
- Partner and communicate with businesses, civic, faith-based organizations, parents and the community at large to enhance educational opportunities for children.

Forest Hills Global Elementary Comprehensive Plan

Forest Hills' School Improvement Team (SIT) has developed a comprehensive plan identifying specific indicators of effective practice in which our school will focus on during the 2016-2017 school year.

- All teachers develop student leadership and global citizenship.
- The school's Leadership Team regularly looks at school performance and classroom observation data to make decisions about school improvement and professional development needs.
- Instructional Teams develop standards-aligned lessons for each subject at the grade level.
- All teachers systematically report to parents the student's mastery of specific standard-based objectives.
- All teachers reinforce classroom rules and procedures by positively teaching them.

Teachers, Family, Students – Together for Success

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In the 4th Grade Classroom

- ✓ Teachers will assist students in using the planner to communicate daily conduct and assignments.
- ✓ Teachers will send home a newsletter with information about weekly learning goals.
- ✓ Teachers will encourage connections with vocabulary and content made at home and will discuss these with students.
- ✓ Teachers will provide students and families with resources to use at home.

Teachers will keep class websites updated with links to support learning



At Home with Family

- ✓ Check my child's planner and folder nightly to ensure a strong home to school connection.
- ✓ Look for the classroom newsletter each week to see the weekly learning goals.
- ✓ Ensure my child reads each night, either independently or with another person.
- ✓ Look for ways to use vocabulary words in conversations at home.
- ✓ Review student resources, journals and folders.
- ✓ Use the links on the website for practice.

Mighty Mustangs LEAD

**Learners
Empathetic
Accountable
Determined**



**Students are
leaders of their
learning!**

As a LEAD student, I can:

- LEAD at home and at school! As a Mighty Mustang, I will show the characteristics of a global citizen.
- Read with purpose every night and reflect on my reading with a parent or homework helper.
- Have Math Talks daily at home with family members.
- Be aware of math in my environment and connect it to what I am learning in the classroom.