

Mary W. Howe Pre-K Center

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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 students reach and exceed grade-level standards.

EFFECTIVE COMPACTS:

Link to the goals of the School Improvement Plan

Follow the NC Foundations Early Learning and Development

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

What is NC Pre-K?

The North Carolina Pre-k program is made for children who are 4 years old by August of that year to obtain a high quality of learning. The program helps these students obtain educational readiness for kindergarten.

District Goals

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

- Achieve 85% proficiency as measured by EOG or EOC test results.
- Establish community and business partnerships with 100% of New Hanover County Schools.
- Have 100% of classrooms utilizing 21st century technology.

Our School Goals

Howe Pre-K Center has a School Improvement Team that analyzes school data and conducts a comprehensive needs assessment in order to create a School Improvement Plan. The three areas targeted on our School Improvement Plan are:

- Early Literacy skills
- Social-Emotional Development
- Community Engagement and Culture

For further information regarding our current School Improvement Plan go to www.nhcs.net/howe/.

In The Classroom

The Pre-K team will work with families to support students' success in all areas of development. Some of our key connections with families will be:

- Send home weekly newsletters and monthly homework calendars.
- Send home books to read.
- Provide volunteer opportunities for classroom participation.
- Communicate daily through home school communicator.

At Home

The home and school connection is vital to our students' success in school. Here are some ideas about how families can support students. Families may have other ideas to add to this list:

- Read the class newsletter each week.
- Read nightly with my child and talk about how the story connects with things my child has experienced.
- Play games to review classroom skills.
- Check the communication folder daily.
- Celebrate my child's success!

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Events we have to help build partnerships

- Open House
- Classroom Volunteering
- Family Home Projects
- Parent/Teacher Conference
- Field Trips
- Fun Day
- School Wide Activities throughout the year

Communication Resources

We are devoted to communicating regularly with families about students. The ways in which we communicate are:

- District and school websites
- Blackboard Connect 5 phone calls
- Howe Pre-K Facebook page
- Daily Communication folder from teacher
- Teacher newsletters
- Parent—Teacher Conferences

Questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone at 910-251-6195.

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 classroom, please contact the office at 910-251-6195.