

School-Parent and Family Compact

School Year: 2021-2022



Butner-Stem Middle School

WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT AND FAMILY COMPACT?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement developed jointly by parents, students, and teachers that follows the federal guidelines as stated in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The compact explains how parents, students, and teachers will collaborate to make sure all students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

COMMITMENT FROM OUR SCHOOL:

We are committed to:

- Meeting with each family face-to-face at the beginning of the school year.
- Sending home quarterly newsletters from grade level teams letting families know how they can support their student at home.
- Sending home monthly school based announcements through the Smore newsletter.
- Sending home daily school based announcements and updates through the Remind app.
- Making parent contacts about positive behavior, not just when students are acting up.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities through curriculum nights and other parent activities.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication such as conferences, progress reports, report cards, newsletters, phone messages, emails, and text message alerts.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by translating documents into necessary languages or providing interpreters for conferences and meetings.
- Providing parents the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact through public meetings, comment cards, and communication with the parent representatives on the school leadership team.
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement through training and information from the school counselors and social worker.
- Ensuring parents have access to the Parent Portal to monitor their child's grades.
- Ensuring that a high quality, academic curriculum is delivered to students daily and instructional materials are aligned to all state standards students will be assessed on yearly.

COMMITMENT FROM PARENTS AND FAMILY:

As parents and family members invested in the education of our children, we promise to:

- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at school by partnering with the school to support the educational program at Butner-Stem Middle School and expecting my child to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by providing a place for them to read twenty minutes a night, do homework, and respond to messages sent home by teachers.

- Be responsible for creating a learning environment that is conducive to learning while students are working from home due to being quarantined.
- Be responsible for ensuring our children arrive to school by 8:15 am daily to have a successful start to the school day.
- Be responsible for ensuring our children stay in school until 3:40 pm daily so that they do not miss quality instruction in the classroom.
- Contact your child's teacher through email, phone calls, or the Remind App if you have questions about your child's progress.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS:

As BSMS Students, we pledge to SOAR by:

- Working hard and doing our best in class.
- Listening to and following directions from all staff.
- Staying on task and completing all assignments to the best of our ability.
- Showing respect for ourselves and others.
- Following all school rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Asking for help when needed.
- Respecting the rights of others at all times.
- Reading 20 minutes per day.
- Using our cell phone at appropriate times.
- Completing 45 minutes per week on iReady in Math and Reading.
- Staying in contact with teachers during quarantine and completing assignments.
- Coming to school with a charged chromebook daily.

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:

We value our partnerships with all stakeholders and are proud of the many opportunities available for parents to be actively involved in the school and activities to support their child.

This year, families will be invited to:

- Annual Meeting: Our school's Annual Title One Meeting will be held on October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m until 7:00 p.m virtually for all parents and students.
- Flexible Meetings: Butner-Stem Middle School will offer meetings during the school day.
- Involve parents in the development of the Parent-Family Engagement Plan and the Title One Program. Officers of the Twin Talon Club (our PTO) and Booster Club are involved in the development of our Parent-Family Engagement Plan. Parents are welcome to provide feedback to their representatives as plans and programs are developed throughout the school year.
- Provide information to parents on scheduled parent conferences evenings.
- Allow for comments on plans. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback on plans developed each year.
- Any parent that would like to volunteer must complete the the Volunteer Tracker System and then fill out the GCPS Volunteer Application.

We are committed to excellence and achievement for all!