

Pelham City Schools Goals for Student Achievement 2023-2024

In Math: All students demonstrate growth and score Proficient or higher in math on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

In Literacy: All students demonstrate growth in reading and writing and score Proficient or higher on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

Behavior: Increase Climate Star Rating scores by continuing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Capturing Kids' Hearts strategies, reducing office discipline referrals.

Pelham City Middle School 8th Grade Goals for Student Achievement 2023-2024

In Math- Students will develop math fluency, and algebraic competencies.

In Literacy- The focus will be on vocabulary, reading comprehension, and basic paragraph writing skills.

Teachers, Parents, and Students – Together for Success

In 8th Grade

In the 8th grade, teachers will work with students and their families to support students' success in reading and math. Some of the ways we will accomplish this include:

- Encourage students and parents to use the website and other resources suggested such as Remind, Progress Learning, and Istation
- Help students develop system for reviewing and studying for tests through notes, interactive notebooks, and graphic organizers.
- Provide parent resources through various parent events such as Content Area Nights, Parent Chat & Chew, and Parent Power Hour.
- Encourage parents to provide a print-rich and whole language environment.

At Home

PCMS parents worked with staff to develop ideas about how families can support students' success in reading and math at home. Some of the suggestions:

- Attend parent trainings or access information from the events on the school website.
- Utilize parent online resources such as Google, Remind, and monthly parent newsletter on remind, PCS website or lobby rack.
- Daily assist students with studying notes, graphic organizers, and vocabulary. Also check the homework and grades.
- Encourage students to read alone (and with parent) and study vocabulary each day.
- Practice Math fluency, flashcards, & real world mathematic integrations.

8th Grade Students

A sampling of Pelham City Middle School's 8th grade students asked their peers about how they can succeed in Math and Literacy. Students thought of the following ways to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Connect classwork with real-life activities to build understanding.
- Read and review vocab daily and read more fiction and non-fiction to develop diverse vocabulary.
- Use the suggested online resources at home such as: Progress Learning, Istation, Quizlet, Prodigy, and Kahoot.
- Take advantage of extra help after school with teachers.
- Practice Math fluency, flashcards, and real world mathematic integrations.

What is a School-Parent-Student Compact?

A School-Parent-Student Compact is an agreement that is developed together with parents, students, and teachers.

Effective Compacts will:

- Link goals of the school improvement plan.
- Focus on specific learning skills to work on at home.
- Share teacher strategies

Jointly Developed



PCMS parents and staff have jointly developed the School-Parent-Student compact. The process consisted of:

The PCMS staff and eighth grade teachers were given an opportunity to update the compact. Parents provided input and then the compact was revised according to all feedback provided.

Discussion of the compact occurs throughout the school year via surveys, Parent Chat meetings, the PCS website input form, and parent engagement questionnaires at various events and community forums. Ongoing parental engagement is welcomed.

Please contact Mrs. Cindy Smith, PCS Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator, at 294-8170 ext. 214 or 221-2336 for any suggestions or input.

Activities to Build Partnerships and Communication for Student Learning

Open House-Meet teachers and visit classrooms.

Parent Engagement Events-Curriculum Night, Reading/SS Night and STEM Night/Mathfest, Donuts for Dads & Muffins with Mom and more!

Parent Chat & Chew-opportunities to “chat”, share concerns and give input.

Parent/Teacher Conferences-Traditional conferences during teacher planning; call the front office to make an appointment or email the teacher.

Parent Power Hour- parent sessions offered to build capacity for student academic success and parent advocacy.

Parent Resource Center-parent , staff and student resources and computer/online access. The PIRC is located near PES main entrance.

Parental Involvement

Parents are invited to join all Parent Involvement activities. These opportunities, as well as our school website, facebook page and annual surveys, are vehicles for parent input and involvement.

Stay in the know with: Parent Portal -Infinite Campus, PCS school website, facebook, emails, monthly parent newsletters, progress reports/report cards, PCS phone message system, and **Parent Inv. Remind** (sign up by texting, 229-588-2949, message @058f27).

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