

GUNTERSVILLE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Guntersville Middle School SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Guntersville Middle School and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2023-2024 school year.

School Responsibilities:

Guntersville Middle School will:

Provide a High Quality Curriculum

Guntersville Middle School is committed to ensuring all students at GMS have access

- to: • highly qualified and certified teachers.
- high quality academic assessments.
- consistent accountability measures for all professional faculty and staff.
- professionally-developed educators who are progressive in educational research and pedagogical strategies.
- classrooms and facilities that are adequately equipped with curricular and ancillary resources for increasing student achievement.
- rigorous content properly aligned with state and national academic standards.
- tools for frequent and valid measurements of student progress in academic achievement throughout the school year.

Hold Parent-Teacher Conferences

Guntersville Middle School is committed to the communication of student achievement in the following ways: • student-led conferences for all students annually with 6th grade students holding their conferences in the first semester.

- parent-teacher conferences once per nine weeks for those students identified as high need based on MTSS referral.

Provide Parents with Frequent Reports

Guntersville Middle School is committed to providing detailed reports and communication to parents and guardians regarding their student's academic and disciplinary progress in the following ways: • Daily access to Powerschool Parent Portal with up-to-date grading weekly

- Progress reports sent home every 4 weeks
- Report cards sent home every 9 weeks
- iReady data shared within two weeks of the completion of benchmark assessments

Provide Parents with Reasonable Access to Faculty and Staff

Guntersville Middle School is dedicated to ensuring that parents and guardians have access to their student's teachers and administrators in the following ways:

- Teacher email addresses and contact information are provided in each classroom syllabus and through the district and school website
- Use teacher planning periods and after-school hours for available meeting times

Provide Parents Opportunities to Volunteer

Guntersville Middle School will encourage and support parent volunteer opportunities through:

- annual orientation sign-ups for parent/guardian volunteer opportunities.

- membership to the GMS Parent-Teacher-Student Organization.

Ensure Language and Communication Accessibility

Guntersville Middle School is committed to ensuring the frequent, two-way communication between school, student, and parent/guardian in the following by:

- Providing and using a reasonable number of accessible platforms for communication
- Providing opportunities for parents to be trained in the use of any platform that may be used to communicate student achievement, academic and instructional platforms, parent-guardian volunteer opportunities, and school events made available on the GMS website

Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

As parents/guardian, I/we will support my/our child's learning. Specifically, I/we will:

- be committed to the understanding and awareness of the system and school attendance policy, including chronic absenteeism, so as to properly monitor my/our student's attendance.
- make every effort to ensure that our student's coursework is completed with high quality.
- volunteer within our student's school as made available.
- participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to our student's education.
- promote positive use of our student's extracurricular time.
- stay informed about our student's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading and responding to all notices from the school or school district.
- serve, to the extent possible, on advisory groups, such as, but not limited, Title I Advisory Committee and Parent and Family Engagement Committee.

Student Responsibilities

As a student at Guntersville Middle, I will share the responsibility to improve my social and academic achievement and achieve Alabama's high standards. Specifically, I will:

- be prepared to engage and actively participate in all learning.
- complete coursework every day with quality and ask for assistance when needed.
- support my classmates in all curricular and extracurricular activities.
- behave in a manner that is appropriate and conducive to learning for all students.
- be motivated to achieve high standards in class and on required assessments as it benefits the students, the school, the district, and the community.
- give all notices and information from my school or school district each day to my parents and/or guardians.

Signature Student _____ School Representative Guardian

Date