

***Pelham City Schools' Goals for Student Achievement  
2024–2025***

**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), CKH Strategies, and reducing office discipline referrals.

***Pelham Elementary School  
First Grade Goals for Student Achievement 2024–2025***

In Math- Our focus will be on building Math skills- addition/subtraction and counting to 120.

In Literacy- Our focus will be on letter sounds and retelling.

In Reading- Our focus will be on word recognition, phonics, fluency and comprehension.

***Teachers, Parents, and Students – Together for Success***

***In the First 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 parents to read daily with their children and ask questions.
- Help students understand facts before memorizing.
- Provide parent resources in the PIRC and online website.
- Provide sight words, word lists, sounds and word family lists for home use.
- Stay in communication with parents through weekly folders.

***At Home***

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

- Read to your children daily and visit the library.
- Practice counting forwards and backwards orally beginning with different numbers.
- Attend parent opportunities or access information on the school website (online access in the PIRC or at public library).
- For Eureka Math help visit <http://www.pelham-city.k12.ga.us/Content2/InstructionalResources>, also use Zearn.
- Be familiar with homework strategies.
- Stay informed with monthly digital parent newsletter posted on Remind, website, Facebook, Dojo and available in lobby rack.
- Communicate through conferences and weekly folders.

***1<sup>st</sup> Grade Students***

A sampling of Pelham Elementary School students were asked their ideas about how they can succeed in Math and Literacy. Students thought of the following ways to make connections between learning at home and school:

- Count forward and backwards to and from 120 orally.
- Practice sight words, sounds and word families.
- Read with parent or adult daily and visit the library.
- Play games at home to build Math and Reading skills.

## ***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**



PES parents and staff have jointly developed the school-parent compact. The process consisted of:

The PES staff and first 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, surveys, and parent involvement questionnaires at various events and community forums. Ongoing parental engagement and input is welcomed.

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

### ***Activities to Build Partnerships and Communication for Student Learning***

**Open House-** meet teachers and visit classrooms.

**Parent Events-** Volunteer Orientation, Literacy Fair, Title 1 Family Game Night, STEM/Mathfest, Grandparents Night, Test Prep Night, Donuts with the Dude, Goodies with Gals, and More!

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Three early release days are provided during the school year or conferences may be scheduled during teacher planning times or after school. Call 294-8170 to schedule a conference.

**Parent Chat-** opportunities for parents to “chat,” share concerns and give input.

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

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

### ***Parental Engagement***

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

#### ***Stay in the know with:***

Parent Portal -Infinite  
Campus, PCS school website, Facebook, emails, monthly digital parent newsletters, class dojo, progress reports/report cards, PCS phone message system,

#### ***Parent Inv. Remind***

(sign up by texting,  
229-588-2949, message @058f27).

## ***2024-2025 Pelham Elementary School First Grade School-Parent-Student Compact***



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(teacher's first initial last name)  
@pelham-city.k12.ga.us***