

School-Parent and Family Compact

School Year: 2024-2025



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 all families face-to-face at the beginning of the school year at open house.
- Sending home quarterly newsletters from grade-level teams letting families know what is happening on each grade level
- Sending home monthly school-based announcements through the Smore newsletter.
- Sending home daily school-based announcements and updates through the Remind app or Connect 5 system.
- Making parent contacts about positive behavior.
- 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 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 "Campus Parent" through Infinite Campus 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 invest 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-two minutes a night, do homework, and complete iReady lessons each week, and respond to messages sent home by teachers.
- Be responsible for ensuring our children arrive at school by 7:45 am daily to have a successful start to the school day.
- Be responsible for ensuring our children stay in school until 3:10 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 at home.
- Having our cell phone off and away during the school day
- Completing two lessons per week in your iReady Math and Reading learning path
- Staying in contact with teachers during sickness and completing assignments.
- Bringing notes from home when you have been sick and turning them into your homeroom teacher

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 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m until 7:30 p.m for all parents and students.
- Flexible Meetings: Butner-Stem Middle School will offer meetings during the school day for parent teacher conferences and IEP meetings.
- Involve parents in the development of the Parent-Family Engagement Plan and our Title One Program.
- Have officers from the Twin Talon Club (our PTO) and Booster Club 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 academic information to parents on scheduled parent conferences evenings.
- Allow any parent that would like to volunteer to complete the background check through the Volunteer Tracker System and then fill out the GCPS Volunteer Application.

We are committed to excellence and achievement for all!

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Teacher Signature

Principal Signature