



2025-26 SCHOOL-PARENT AND FAMILY COMPACT



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 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The compact explains how parents and teachers will collaborate to make sure all students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

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COMMITMENT FROM OUR SCHOOL

We are committed to:

- **Providing high-quality curriculum and instruction, and doing so in a supportive and effective learning environment by:**
 - using district approved curricula and NC Standard Course of Study to guide instruction.
 - using common formative assessment to monitor progress.
 - providing supplemental and intensive supports where needed.
- **Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication to review this Compact so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child(ren)'s progress by:**
 - reviewing this Compact at Open House and the annual Title I Night. We will also use Connect Ed calls to share information.
- **Providing parents with frequent reports on their child's progress by:**
 - using Connect Ed phone calls, emails, parent-teacher conferences, interim reports, and report cards. This consistent communication helps build strong partnerships and keeps families engaged in their child's learning.
- **Providing parents with school's protocol to contact staff by:**
 - providing parents with the school's communication protocol at the beginning of the school year. This will include staff email addresses, the preferred method and times to contact teachers, and guidelines for using platforms such as ClassDojo.
- **Providing parents with the school's process to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities by:**
 - providing parents with information about the school's volunteer and classroom observation process at the beginning of the year. This will include details on how to complete the district's volunteer application and background check, as well as how to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the classroom or at school events.
- **Ensuring regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff that is in a language that family members can understand by:**
 - ensuring regular, two-way, and meaningful communication by using multiple tools such as ClassDojo, email, phone calls, and conferences. Communication will be provided in a language that families can understand by using translation services.
- **Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by:**
 - providing professional development on effective communication strategies and building positive relationships with families. Staff will also be trained in utilizing communication tools like ClassDojo and how to conduct productive parent-teacher conferences. Additionally, we will encourage staff to collaborate and share best practices for engaging families.

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:**
 - ensuring that students attend school on time every day they are healthy enough to do so.
 - joining the school's ClassDojo.
 - keeping up with school and classroom communications and respond when needed.
 - attending parent engagement nights and parent-teacher conferences.
 - joining our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).
- **Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by:**
 - ensuring that students get 9-11 hours sleep each night.
 - ensuring that students read (or are read to) at least 20-30 minutes nightly.
 - helping students become proficient in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers within 10.
 - checking students' Tuesday folders each week
 - asking students nightly about their learning.

COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

As students we promise to:

- **Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by:**
 - working hard, working smart, and working together to grow our minds and grow our relationships.
 - being safe, ready, and respectful at all times and in all places.
- **Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by:**
 - reading (or being read to) at least 20-30 minutes each night.
 - completing all homework.
 - getting 9-11 hours sleep each night.
 - getting at least an hour of physical activity each day.
 - taking care of all personal hygiene needs every day.
 - getting up and ready for school on time each school day.

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:

Engagement events
Title I nights
Conference nights
Programs and volunteer opportunities

The school will receive the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by:

- partnering with GPA to provide one or more parent events.
- sharing resources and communications from GPA with parents as they are released.
- encouraging parents to participate in GPA events.

MISSION STATEMENT

Nurture. Inspire. Grow. Progress.