

Academic Achievement Goals



District Goals

- During the 25-26 school year, we will increase student content mastery in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 6%.
- During the 25-26 school year, we will increase post-high school readiness by increasing our graduation rate by 2%.

School Goals

By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, the percent of students reading on grade level will increase by 7% on the Spring Reading I-Ready Assessment.

By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, the percent of students scoring on grade level will increase by 7% on the Spring Math I-Ready Assessment.

Area of Emphasis

Focus: ELA & MATH

6th Grade:

- Determine how theme is conveyed
- Increase reading level/Lexile score
- Increase knowledge of academic vocabulary
- Be able to find and cite textual evidence
- Complete understanding of division of fractions and extend the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers

7th Grade:

- Cite multiple pieces of text evidence
- Read for comprehension and vocabulary
- Increase reading level/Lexile score
- Develop an understanding of and apply proportional relationships
- Develop an understanding of operations with rational numbers and work with expressions and linear equations

8th Grade:

- Read for comprehension and vocabulary
- Analyze with strongest and most appropriate evidence
- Increase reading level/Lexile score
- Formulate and reason about expressions and equations, including modeling an association in bivariate data with linear equations and systems of linear equations

As a SCHOOL we will . . .

- Provide Workshops and Family Academic Nights (such as Math and ELA) and share classroom strategies with families to help students.
- Provide afternoon tutoring to help increase students achievement (see teacher for schedule)
- Regularly update teacher's webpage with additional resources parents can use with

As a PARENT we will . . .

- Attend workshops and Family Academic Nights (such as Math and ELA) with my child to help me learn what is being taught in class.
- Ensure students take advantage of tutoring and online applications.
- Visit the school Web site and other recommended web sites with my student to learn new math facts and concepts with my student.

As a STUDENT we will . . .

- Attend Family Academic Nights (such as Math and ELA) with my parents to help improve my skills.
- Attend afternoon tutoring to receive additional help and support and use all online applications
- Utilize the websites and resources provided by teachers for additional support

What is a School-Parent Compact?

Our annual school-parent compact offers ways that we can work together to help our students succeed. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and at home.

Effective compacts:

- Link to academic achievement goals
- Focus on student learning
- Share strategies that staff, parents, and students can use
- Explain how parents and teachers can communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to observe, volunteer, and participate in the classroom.



Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff partnered together to develop this school parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and student told us what would help them learn. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in the spring each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals. Parents are encouraged to participate in the annual Title I parent survey that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies. Please contact Mrs. Heard heardte@richmond.k12.ga.us or visit our website <https://www.rcboe.org/hms> for more information on the school-parent compact.

Building Partnerships

Hephzibah Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to provide parent and students with access to our staff to build partnerships that will support student learning.

- Open House
- Parent– Teacher conferences
- Progress Reports
- Georgia Milestones Information Night
- Parent Portal Training
- Curriculum Night
- Parent Volunteer Training

Communicating About Student Learning

Hephzibah Middle School is committed to providing regular two– way communication with families about student learning

- Parent– Teacher conferences, to make an appointment with your child’s teachers, please contact the main office
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal
- School Website/Teacher Webpage
- Shout Point (Telephone Message)
- Newsletters/Flyers
- Digital Marquee
- Email via Infinite Campus

Parent Involvement

There are many opportunities at our school for parents to volunteer and play a role in their child’s education. If you are interested in becoming a parent volunteer, please make plans to attend one of our parent volunteer trainings to become a certified parent volunteer. For more information, please contact Mrs. Heard heardte@richmond.k12.ga.us or visit our school webpage to check out upcoming events.

Hephzibah Middle School



2025-2026

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

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