B.E.S.T. Academy

School-Parent Compact for Achievement | 2026-2027

Best, Engineering, Science and Technology Academy at The Thomas W. Dortch Jr. Institute

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What Is a School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to help all students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan.
- Focus on student learning objectives.
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills through high-quality instruction.
- Share strategies parents can use at home.
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress.
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom.

Jointly Developed

Parents, students, and staff of B.E.S.T. Academy developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies and supports, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students shared what would help them learn. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs. Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

To volunteer or participate in the Parent Education series, contact Parent Liaison LaNett Stanley-Turner at 404-802-4964 or lastanley-turner@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Our Goals for Student Achievement

Mission: Through a caring culture of equity, trust, collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

Vision: A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trust the system.

Atlanta Public Schools Goal: Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

B.E.S.T. Academy Goals:

- Increase the percent of students meeting or exceeding in Math by 5% or greater by 2027.
- Increase the percent of students meeting or exceeding in ELA by 5% or greater by 2027.

Activities to Build Partnerships

Parental Engagement Series: Monthly topics support families of middle and high school students.

- Support your child as they transition through adolescence.
- Learn about B.E.S.T. Academy goals for each student and how to achieve these learning goals.
- Learn tips for better communication among all parties to achieve greater academic success.
- Check the school website and notices for updates.

Teachers, Parents, and Students - Together for Success

In the Classroom

Teachers will work with students and their families to support student success in all content areas. Key connections with families include:

- Offer a Parental Education series to support students specific academic needs.
- Provide workshops throughout the year to build academic capacity and offer additional support in Mathematics, English, and Language Arts.
- Offer teacher web pages with links to important information supporting core content areas at home.
- Provide daily tutoring from 4:00-5:00 PM, Saturday School, and other opportunities with assistance for state testing.
- Provide additional academic support through tutoring programs.

At Home

B.E.S.T. Academy parents contributed ideas for how families can support student success in all content areas:

- Attend Curriculum Night, Principal Chats, the Parental Education series, and Math and ELA workshops to increase awareness of academic tips and strategies.
- Review Parent Portal as a family each week and assist students with Math and ELA websites and resources.
- Encourage students to participate in school-based tutorial programs in Math and ELA as needed.
- Encourage students to participate in additional tutorial programs.

B.E.S.T. Academy Students

B.E.S.T. Academy students joined staff and parents to develop ideas about how they can succeed in school and reach goals in all content areas. Students suggested these connections between learning at home and school:

- Utilize opportunities to receive college, career, and academic assistance.
- Attend remediation and academic tutoring in Math and ELA after school and during Saturday sessions as needed for Georgia Milestones improvement, and share challenges with family.
- Utilize IXL, I-Ready, and other academic links teachers suggest to support learning and strengthen areas of deficiency.
- Participate in extra tutorial, remedial, and support services.

Communication About Student Learning

B.E.S.T. Academy is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Families can expect:

- Weekly updates to Parent Portal.
- Updates on school and class websites.
- Weekly e-blasts to families regarding learning objectives, important announcements, and upcoming events.
- Parent-Teacher conferences.

- Student data analysis conferences every 4.5 weeks to analyze and own achievement data.

Questions about your child's progress? Contact your child's teacher by phone at 404-802-4950 or by email. Email addresses are available on the school website.

Family Acknowledgment

Families may sign and submit the acknowledgment form confirming review of this compact:

https://forms.gle/jp58xLEqXFAZSNqq9

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