

**Barksdale Elementary School-Parent Compact
2026-2027**



Revision Date: August 25, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Barksdale Elementary School, students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents and staff of Barksdale Elementary partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, and parents added input about the types of support they need. Parents are encouraged to attend our 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 also encouraged to participate in parent surveys that give feedback regarding the current Title I programs and policies.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district and school's goals for student academic achievement.

ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' GOALS:

- The district's overall content mastery will increase at Elementary Middle and High School by 10% as measured by the 2027 Spring GMAS administration.

BARKSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S GOALS:

- Increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment by 10 percentage points as measured by the 2027 Spring GMAS administration.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics End of Grade Assessment by 10 percentage points as measured by the 2027 Spring GMAS administration.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones Science End of Grade Assessment by 10 percentage points as measured by the 2027 Spring GMAS administration.

- Barksdale Elementary School will reduce the total number of in-school suspension days by 10% (from 69 to 62), out-of-school suspension days by 10% (from 103 to 93), and in-school and out-of-school suspension incidents by 10% during the 2026–2027 school year, as measured by Infinite Campus discipline data.

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together to:

SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

At Barksdale Elementary School, our staff is committed to supporting student success and family engagement. We will:

- Provide high-quality, engaging instruction aligned to state standards in a supportive and effective learning environment.
- Hold parent-teacher conferences to discuss each child's progress and review the School-Parent Compact as it relates to academic achievement.
- Share frequent updates on student progress, including progress reports, report cards, and assessment results.
- Maintain open, two-way communication through newsletters, the school website, *ParentSquare*, and the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- Offer opportunities for families to volunteer, participate in school activities, and provide feedback on academic programs and initiatives.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a parent/guardian, I will:

- Make sure my child attends school regularly and arrives on time.
- Communicate regularly with my child's teacher and school staff to stay informed about my child's progress.
- Support learning at home by providing a quiet place for homework and monitoring assignments.
- Participate in parent-teacher conferences, parent workshops, school events, and decision-making processes related to my child's education.
- Encourage my child to follow the school's behavior expectations: Be the Three – Respectful... Responsible... Safe.
- Create a Parent Canvas Observer Account to:
 - View class assignments
 - Read teacher announcements
 - Stay updated on the class calendar
- Use Infinite Campus Parent Portal and ParentSquare to monitor academic progress and school updates.
- Read *The Buccaneer Banner* (monthly parent newsletter) and listen to the weekly phone calls from the principal.
- Assist my child with completing assignments during Independent Learning Days.
- Help my child to care for their device and bring it to school fully charged each day.
- Ensure that my child is well-rested and prepared with essential school supplies daily.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student, I will:

- Strive to be Anchored in Excellence by coming to school each day ready to learn and do my best.
- Follow the school's behavior expectations: Be the Three – Respectful... Responsible... Safe.
- Complete classwork and homework daily and ask for help when needed.
- Share important school information with my parent/guardian (using the BES communication folder).
- Read for at least 20 minutes each day outside of school time.
- Keep my school-issued device charged, maintained, and ready for daily use.

COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING

Barksdale Elementary School is committed to frequent, two-way communication with families to support student learning and success. You can expect to receive updates and important information through the following channels:

- *The Buccaneer Banner* (school-wide monthly newsletter)
- Infinite Campus Parent Portal

- Parent Canvas Observer Account
- School Website
- Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
- ParentSquare
- Emails and Phone Calls
- Weekly messages from the principal
- School Marquee
- BES Social Media (Facebook and Instagram)
- A dedicated Parent Liaison: Ms. Bridgett Head – bhead@rockdale.k12.ga.us

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Barksdale Elementary School is committed to fostering strong family-school partnerships. Throughout the year, we offer a variety of events and programs designed to engage families and support student success, including:

- Open House
- Curriculum Night
- Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
- Parent Workshops
- Access to our Parent Resource Center
- Participation in the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
- School Council involvement
- Volunteer opportunities throughout the school year

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child's teacher. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

School Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____