

APPALACHIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Appalachian Elementary School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), agree that this compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the school year 2026-2027.

School Responsibilities

Appalachian Elementary School will:

- 1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:**
 - Adhering to the Alabama Course Study
 - Providing highly qualified teachers
 - Assessing the students' knowledge and using the assessments to guide the instructions
 - Providing a school-based Problem Solving Team
 - Providing Intervention Teachers for both Reading and Math
 - Facilitating positive communication among teachers, parents, and students
 - Offering a well-balanced breakfast and lunch
- 2. Hold parent-teacher conferences during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. These conferences will be held:**
 - Parent conferences will be scheduled by the classroom teacher as a need is identified
 - Parents may request conferences at any time to discuss the student's progress
- 3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Reports will be provided as follows:**
 - Progress reports will be sent home at midterm (K-3rd grades may send more frequent grades/progress information)
 - Report cards will be sent home at the end of each nine weeks
 - Parents may check students grades in Powerschool and/or Schoology (for grades 4-6)
- 4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:**
 - Teachers are available during their planning period to talk with parents, appointments to meet with them (in person or via phone call) during this time may be made by calling the school office at 205-775-1970
 - Parents may also utilize email for communication with teachers/staff
- 5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:**
 - Parents are encouraged to become actively involved with the PTSO.
 - Parents are welcome to attend field trips (unless space is limited by the destination)
 - Parents may volunteer to help in the classroom as well as special events held throughout the year
- 6. Ensure regular two-way, meaningful communication between family members and school staff, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that family members can understand.**

Appalachian School will ensure regular and meaningful two-way communication through, but not limited to the following sources:

- Email

- Telephone
- Communication Folder/Written Notes
- School Website
- Appalachian Facebook Groups (Appalachian Eagles, Appalachian PTSO, AHS Booster Club, Appalachian Youth Association, Inc)

Appalachian School also uses Blount County EL Staff to translate information (via writing, telephone, and/or in person) into native languages for students and families in need of this service.

Parent Responsibilities

We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Seeing that my child is on time and attends school regularly and is present for state required tests
- Reading with or listening to my child read at least 3 times per week for 20 minutes
- Maintaining up-to-date personal and emergency contact information
- Monitoring the use of social media applications (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, etc.)
- Ensuring my child follows school /class procedures
- Supporting the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline
- Reviewing my child's homework
- Staying informed about my child's education and communicate with the school by promptly reading and returning all notices from the school or the school district, as appropriate
- Encouraging positive use of my child's extracurricular time
- Attending parent-teacher conferences and participate in decisions relating to the education of my child

Student Responsibilities

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State's high standards. We agree to:

- Follow school rules and class rules, as well as school dress code
- Do my homework and turn it in every day and ask for help when I need it
- Attend school every day and be on time
- Do my best in my work and my behavior
- Read at least 20 minutes every day outside of school time
- Be an active learner by asking and answering questions, listening, and completing assignments
- Have respect for school grounds, adults, my classmates and myself
- Work to resolve conflicts in a positive, constructive manner

Please review this School-Parent Compact with your child. This School-Parent Compact may be discussed with you during a parent-teacher conference as it relates to your child's school progress.

Thank you for your support and involvement in your child's education. Please contact the person listed below for more information.

Gina Fox, Parent Liaison/Office Staff
205-775-1970 or gcfox@blountboe.net

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read and received this information and return the entire form to your child's teacher.

School Representative Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____