What is a School-Parent Compact?

Our School-Parent Compact is a written agreement between parents, students and teachers developed together to help our students succeed. It explains what families and schools can do to help connect learning at school and at home.

Effective Compacts:

- **Link** to academic achievement goals.
- **Focus** on student learning skills.
- **Describe** how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction.
- **Share** strategies parents can use at home.
- **Explain** how teachers and parents communicate about student's progress.
- **Describe** opportunities for parents to observe, volunteer, and participate in the classroom.

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff worked together and shared ideas to develop the school-parent compact. Teachers met to design practical strategies for parents to use at home. Parents provided valuable feedback on their needs to help their children. Students met to add ideas for the compact. Our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum is held each year to review and revise the compact based on the school's academic achievement goals and students' needs. Parents are welcome to provide feedback on the compact at any time during the school year.

If you would like to volunteer, participate and/or observe in the classroom, please contact our Family Engagement Representative, Sheangela Brown (478-779-2200).

Activities to Build Partnerships

Appling Middle School offers the following opportunities for parents to volunteer and play a role in their child's education. Please consider joining the faculty, staff, and your child for some of the following events and programs:

- Open House
- Volunteering / Observing of Classroom Activities
- Parent Resource Center
- Curriculum Nights
- Family Workshops
- FACE Forums
- School Council
- Raider TestFest

Communication about Student Learning

As a means of two-way communication, we will provide the following opportunities:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences/Student-Led Conferences
- Parent Portal, online access to grades, assignments, attendance reports, behavior reports, progress reports every 6 weeks, and report cards every 9 weeks.
- Invitations to all school-wide and district opportunities for learning
- Access to faculty and staff through email, telephone messages, text messages, Parent Square, newsletter, social media, school visits, and the school website.
- Interpreter available upon request.

Do you have questions about your child's progress?
Contact your child's teacher by phone (478-779-2200) or Parent S...

2026-2027 School-Parent Compact

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"…where the Power of the Raider *prevails rich in Heritage, Culture and Pride of the EASTSIDE!"*

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Academic Goals

District

All students will reach high standards with
Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement
All students will continually demonstrate high academic social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.
Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness
All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.
Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement
We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

School

- Increase the percentage of students performing at proficient level on ELA GA Milestones by 6% in 2026.
- Increase the number of students achieving student growth percentiles by 6% in ELA
  Refer to https://bit.ly/3zeCES2 for any changes to school goals.

Focus Areas – Reading

6th Grade: Students will read for fluency and participate in the writers' workshop.

7th Grade: Students will cite textual evidence to support claims and analysis of themes/central idea of text.

8th Grade: Students will build reading stamina by the implementation and teaching of reading comprehension skills.

For questions, concerns or help in finding resources for you or your child, please contact the Front Office 478-779-2200 Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Mutual Promises that Lead to Student Success

As a Raider Teacher, I will…

- Connect parents, as requested, with a list of books and other resources from the school library to help their child grow as readers.



- Provide parents with tips to help build their child's vocabulary and make reading a regular part of the family routine to receive feedback as well as add Freckle to enhance their Reading/Writing Vocabulary Skills.
- Offer attendance toolkit sessions, parent-student class projects, and student-led conferences to provide opportunities for parents to support their child's academic success.
- Suggest and provide reading assignments and activities that parents can use at home to help their child increase their Lexile level as well as to push AR tests weekly.
- Send home educational materials to improve Reading /Math analysis.

As a Raider Parent, I will…

- Use the list of books and other resources from the school library provided by teachers to help my child grow as a reader.



- Use resources to help build my child's vocabulary and make reading a regular part our family routine.
- Participate in the student class projects and student-led conferences to support my child's academic success. Attend the attendance toolkit sessions.
- Use the reading assignments and activities to help increase my child's Lexile level.
- Be more actively involved with my child's behavior and grades.
- Make sure my child is in school every day.

As a Raider Student, I will…

- Use the resources to help improve my vocabulary skills.
- Use books from the media center and participate in regular reading time at home with a family member.
- Participate in class projects and student led conferences.
- Be more respectful, attentive, and will limit distractions.
- Not follow the crowd and will separate from the wrong people.
- Start believing in myself more.

