What is School-Parent Compact?

Our School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. This compact provides strategies to help connect learning at school and home. It explains what families and schools can do to help children reach grade-level standards.

Effective Compacts:

- **Link** goals to the school improvement plan.
- **Focus** on students' 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 & parents will communicate about student progress
- **Describe** opportunities or parents to volunteer, observe, & participate in the classroom.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

The parents, students and staff of Howard Middle School have developed a School- Parent Compact for Academic Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Parents are welcome to make comments at any time by utilizing "Let's Talk" on the district & HMS homepages.

Parents are always welcome to volunteer and spend time in their child's classroom. If you would like to volunteer or observe the learning environment, please contact: Family Engagement Representative **Raven Dolphus** at 478-779-3500.

School-Parent Compact

2026-2027

Where Every Day and Every Student Matter!!!

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Building Partnerships

The following actions will be taken to promote partnerships:

- Quarterly P.A.C.K & School Council meetings
- Rising 6th Grade Parent Orientation
- Individual Counseling conferences with students and parents
- P.A.C.K Parent Night
- Teachers will be available for scheduled conferences before school, after school, and during planning.

Communication with Parents about Student Learning

Howard Middle School is focused on keeping families informed by maintaining a two-way communication between the school and parents through:

- Parent Portal
- Grades updated weekly
- Progress Reports every 6 weeks
- PARENTSQUARE
- Open House
- Syllabus will be sent home for parents' signatures
- Social Media Updates
- School & Teacher Websites
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- The Howler: Weekly Newsletter
- School Messenger
- School Marquee
- Onflo
- School Notices
- Parent Resource Center

DISTRICT GOALS

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and 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 Goals

ELA

- By the end of 2027 Increase the percentage of grade 6-8 students performing at proficient or above in ELA, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, from a baseline of 26.2% in 2026 to 32.2% in 2027.

Math

- By the end of 2027, Increase the percentage of grade 6-8 students performing at proficient or above Mathematics, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, from the baseline of 17.4% to 23.4% in 2027.

Focus Areas

ELA

- **English/Language Arts teachers will meet to analyze data and plan for instruction.**
- **Observe collaborative planning sessions in content area.**
- **Teachers will provide feedback and focus on improving a maximum of two areas of concern.**

Math

- **Write, interpret, use expressions, equations and inequalities.**
- **Solve real World Problems**
- **Develop an understanding of how to use operations and expressions.**

As a Teacher, I will:

- Provide academic resources including a course syllabus, reading lists, review materials and study guides on teacher webpages.
- Update teachers' webpages regularly and post grades in Parent Portal weekly.
- Share helpful websites such as Khan Academy, Study Jams, & Newsela.
- Use school Parent Portal & ParentSquare to provide feedback & reminders about assessment dates and parent events.
- Hold students accountable to the HMS P.A.C.K expectations.
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences to keep parents informed.

As a Parent, I Will:

- Ensure my child is at school on time daily.
- Encourage my child to complete all classwork and homework assignments.
- Check Parent Portal weekly to monitor my child's progress and stay connected via ParentSquare, school newsletters and announcements.
- Encourage my child to take advantage of academic resources to achieve academic success.
- Support school programs, attend parent teacher conferences and meetings.
- Encourage my child to read daily & ask him or her about their reading.
- Contact my child's teacher and/or counselor when my child needs assistance.

As a Student, I Will:

- Complete all classwork & homework assignments and let someone know what I do not understand.
- Use Student Portal to keep track of my progress.
- Check my teacher's websites for instructional material, homework assignments, review work, and study guides.
- Inform my parents and encourage them to attend workshops, meetings, conferences, and activities throughout the year.
- Read at home daily.
- Follow P.A.C.K. expectations.
- Give counselor contact information to my parents.

Parent Resource Center

Monday - Friday
11 AM - 2 PM
(478) 779-3500
Family Engagement Representative



The Availability of the School-Parent Compact

The School-Compact is posted on the school website and copies will be available at the front desk, Guidance office and Media Center.