

## Allen Middle School

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## WHAT IS A SCHOOL-PARENT AND FAMILY COMPACT?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement developed jointly by parents, students and teachers that follows the federal guidelines as stated in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The compact explains how parents and teachers will collaborate to make sure all students reach or exceed grade-level standards.

## COMMITMENT FROM OUR SCHOOL

We are committed to:

- Helping parents understand what children are learning and doing in their classrooms by updating our websites, inviting parents to activities and events, curriculum nights, student-led conferences and having an open-door policy for parents to visit and conference regarding their child's performance.
- Supporting parent participation in learning activities by promoting inclusive, informative and collaborative communicative processes, practices and procedures.
- Providing several methods for regular teacher-parent communication, so that parents are kept up-to-date on their child(ren)'s progress by using multiple methods to ensure communication is timely, targeted and allows for reciprocal exchange.
- Providing regular tips on home learning with the support of Guilford County School's Guilford Parent Academy by sharing communications, resources, website and hard copy documents.
- Ensuring that the language and format of the School-Parent Compact and other information regarding school activities are family-friendly by translating the compact in languages that are spoken by our students and parents, providing soft and hard copies of the compact and using common and simple language that everyone can understand.
- Providing parents, the opportunity in developing and revising the school compact by posting the draft of the compact on our school website, at open house and providing opportunity for parent input.
- Building the capacity of school staff to support parent and family engagement by providing professional development opportunities for staff and working collaboratively with all stakeholders.
- Conducting student-led conferences to provide students opportunities to share, with their family, a snapshot of their academic progress through a reflective and analytical lens.

## COMMITMENT FROM PARENTS AND FAMILY

As parents and family members invested in the education of our children, we promise to:

- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at school by arriving to school and class on time; being prepared with the necessary tools and communicating with their child's teacher.
- Be responsible for supporting our children's learning at home by providing an environment that monitors students' efforts to complete tasks assigned by the teacher.

## COMMITMENT FROM STUDENTS

As students who want a first-class education, we promise to:

- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at school by actively engaging and attempting all tasks in the classroom.
- Be responsible and take ownership of learning at home by committing to study at home, complete all homework assignments and reading daily for at least 30 minutes.

## PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

We value our partnerships with all stakeholders and are proud of the many opportunities available for parents to be actively involved in the school and activities to support their child. This year, families will be invited to:

- In August, our school will host a "Walk the schedule" which will provide an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom. Parents will also have an opportunity to sign up for PowerSchool accounts to allow them to stay informed of their child's grades. Lights snacks and parent resource handouts will be provided.
- In September, we will host a Curriculum Night to provide parents/families opportunities to develop a more robust understanding of the curriculum and learn about strategies for partnering with the school to increase student success.
- In December, we will host a winter choral, orchestra and band concert to celebrate and showcase our students' talents.
- In December, we will host an ESL night to further connections, provide supports, and showcase the talents of our English Language learners.
- Each quarter, families will be invited to our student recognition ceremonies that recognize students' academic achievement, character and GRIT.
- In November and February, our school will host Student-Led Conferences, where families will have an opportunity to learn about the curriculum their child is learning. Parents will also have an opportunity to set up a time to conference with teachers.
- In November, parents will be invited to participate in and observe classroom activities during "American Education Week."
- In May, parents will be invited to volunteer during "Teacher Appreciation Week" for various activities to promote a healthy collaboration between families and schools as we celebrate our educators.
- In May, parents will be invited to volunteer to proctor for End of the Year Tests.
- In June, parents will be invited to end of year celebrations for students highlighting eighth grade promotion.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To promote excellence in character development, academics and global citizenship through the collaboration of all stakeholders.