

What is a School-Parent Compact?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Focus on student learning skills
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share specific strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The teachers, parents, and students of Smith Elementary jointly developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added ideas to make them more specific, and students told us what would help them learn. Input meetings are held each year to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. The input meetings were held during the Spring and Fall of 2018.

Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.

If you would like to volunteer, participate, and observe in the classroom, please contact Mrs. Dorcas Sola, parent liaison at 770-960-5750 or email: dorcas.sola@clayton.k12.ga.us

Building Partnerships

Smith Elementary offers ongoing events to build partnerships with families. Parents are encouraged to participate in the following school activities:

- Meet and Greet
- Annual Title I Meeting
- Curriculum Night
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Parent and Family Resource Center
- Parent Academy Workshops
- Parents as Tutors
- Bring Your Parent to School Day
- Grade Level Parent Meetings
- GMAS Parent Information
- Career Day
- School Council
- Volunteering/Observing
- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Communication about Student Learning

Smith Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about students' learning. We will actively keep parents informed and build strong positive relationships through:

- Frequent reports to parents on their children's progress.
- Parent-teacher conferences at least twice a year where this compact will be discussed as the compact relates to the individual child's achievement.
- Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observe classroom activities.
- Providing information through the use of
 - ✓ school marquee and website
 - ✓ phone calls and school messenger
 - ✓ emails and text messages
 - ✓ Monthly calendar
 - ✓ Flyers and letters
 - ✓ weekly homework folders/binders
 - ✓ Infinite Campus Parent Portal

2018-2019 SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT

K-5th Grade
Focus for
Student Success
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Parent Involvement

The Foundation for
Student Success



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Our Goals for Student Achievement

District Goals

By 2023, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the Georgia Milestones to at least 80% in each content area.



School Goals

Reading:

- In 2019, Smith Elementary will increase the percentage of K-2th grade students meeting benchmark by 3% as indicated by DIBELS/I-Ready assessments.
- In 2019, Smith Elementary school will increase the percentage of 3th-5th grade students scoring at the proficient or distinguished level by 3% on the English Language Arts as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

Our school will concentrate on the following areas:

- Phonics
- Fluency
- Comprehension

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

As a school, we will:

- Provide families with reading practice through homework assignments (Kindergarten/1st grade only).
- Provide families with school home connection reading activities to increase phonics, fluency, and comprehension skills.
- Provide families with reading websites focused on building students' phonics, fluency, and comprehension skills.
- Provide families with study guides to use at home to help their students practice and prepare for reading assessments (3rd -5th grade only).

As parents, we will:

- Ensure our children complete the reading practice homework assignments provided by the teacher.
- Encourage our children to read daily for 30 minutes and ask them comprehension questions.
- Ensure our children use the websites provided to practice phonics, fluency and comprehension skills.
- Use study guides provided to help our children practice and prepare for reading assessments.
- Check book bags and folders daily.
- Read, sign, and return all notices received from the school.

As students, we will:

- Read daily for at least 30 minutes to increase fluency and comprehension.
- Use the websites provided by our teachers to help improve our fluency and comprehension.
- Complete study guides to practice and prepare for reading assessments.
- Complete the reading practice homework assignments provided by my teacher.
- Give all notices and information received from the school to our parents.

